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Japanese implements of war, captured on Guadalcanal, are proudly exhibited by bearded Marine Private Frank Massaro, of Edgewater, N. J. The grotesque looking faces behind the Leatherneck are Nipponese gas masks, and the flag in his hand is a Japanese marine emblem.

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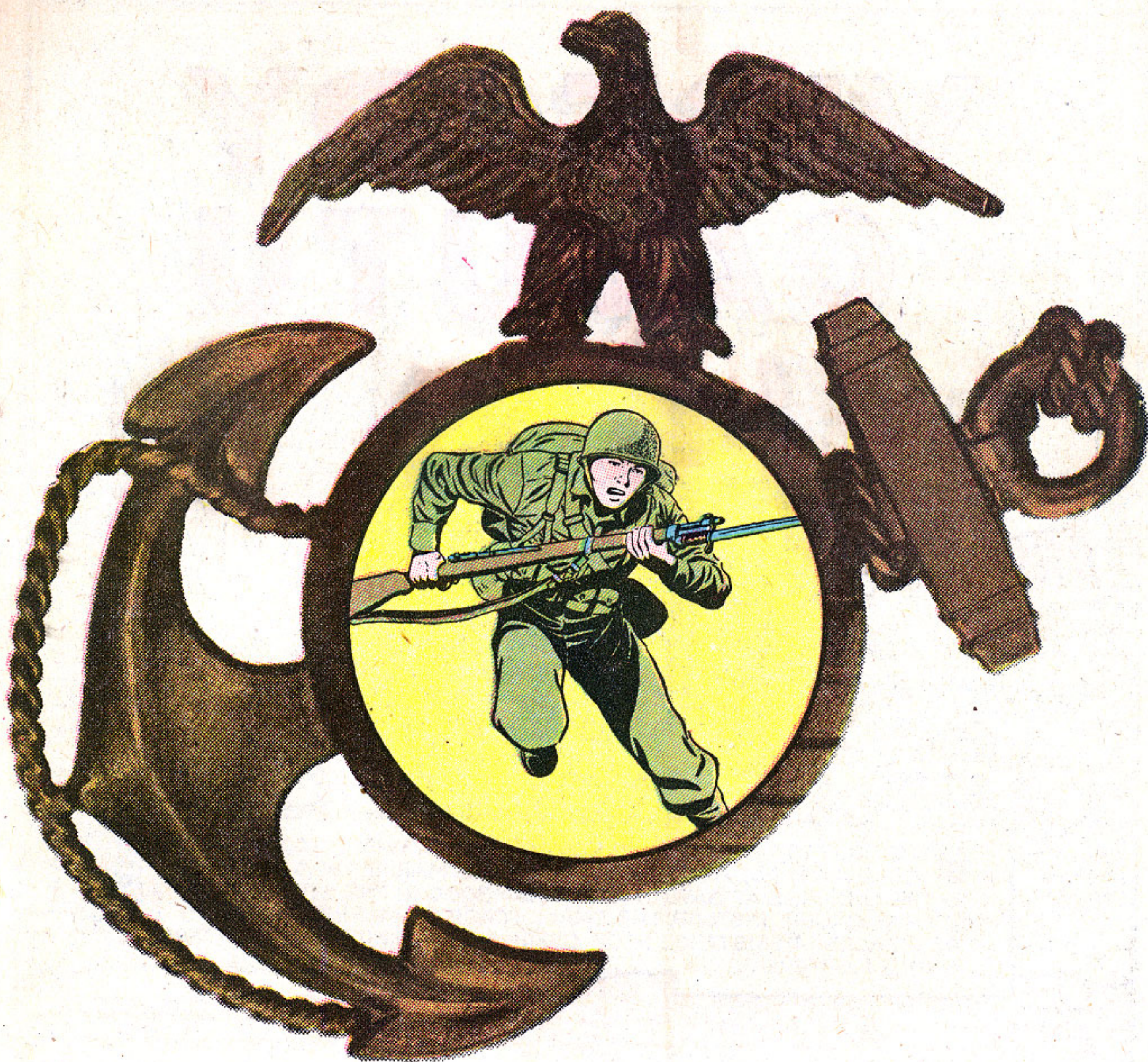
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TO THE MEN of the United States Marine Corps everywhere, who for the past 168 years have been and are continuing to add to the volumes of American History innumerable chapters of traditional bravery and patriotism—to these Marines in all parts of the world this effort is humbly dedicated.

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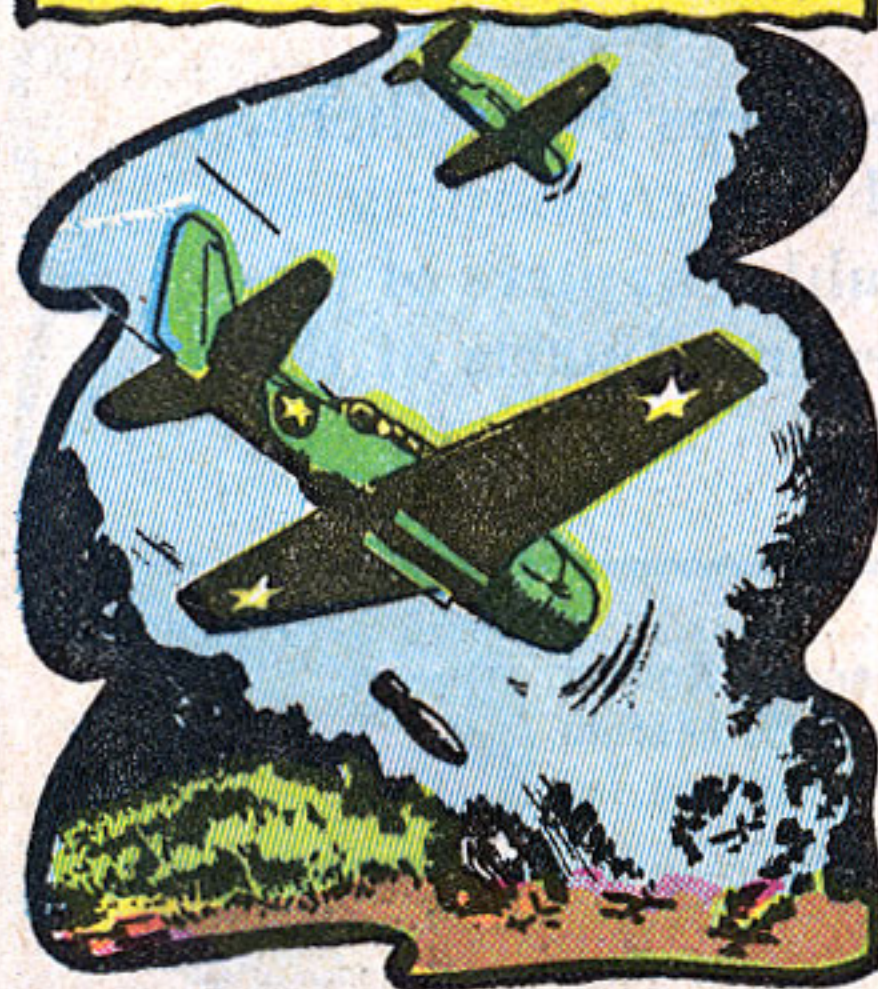
VICTORY *at* GAVUTU



EXPECTING TO FIND THE MAIN BODY OF THE JAPANESE TROOPS AT GUADALCANAL, A MERE FISTFUL OF U.S. MARINES WAS ASSIGNED TO THE LANDINGS AT GAVUTU AND TANAMBOGO IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS GROUP. INSTEAD, THE SMALL FORCE OF MARINES RAN INTO THE FIERCEST RESISTANCE FROM OVERWHELMING NUMBERS OF VETERAN JUNGLE FIGHTERS

MART
O'BAILEY

IN PERFECT COORDINATION WITH THE GUNS OF THE FLEET, U.S. NAVY FLIERS DESTROY THE JAP AIR ARM IN THE TULAGI AREA . . .



AND AT GAVUTU CATCH THE ENEMY SEAPLANES ON THE RAMPS . . .

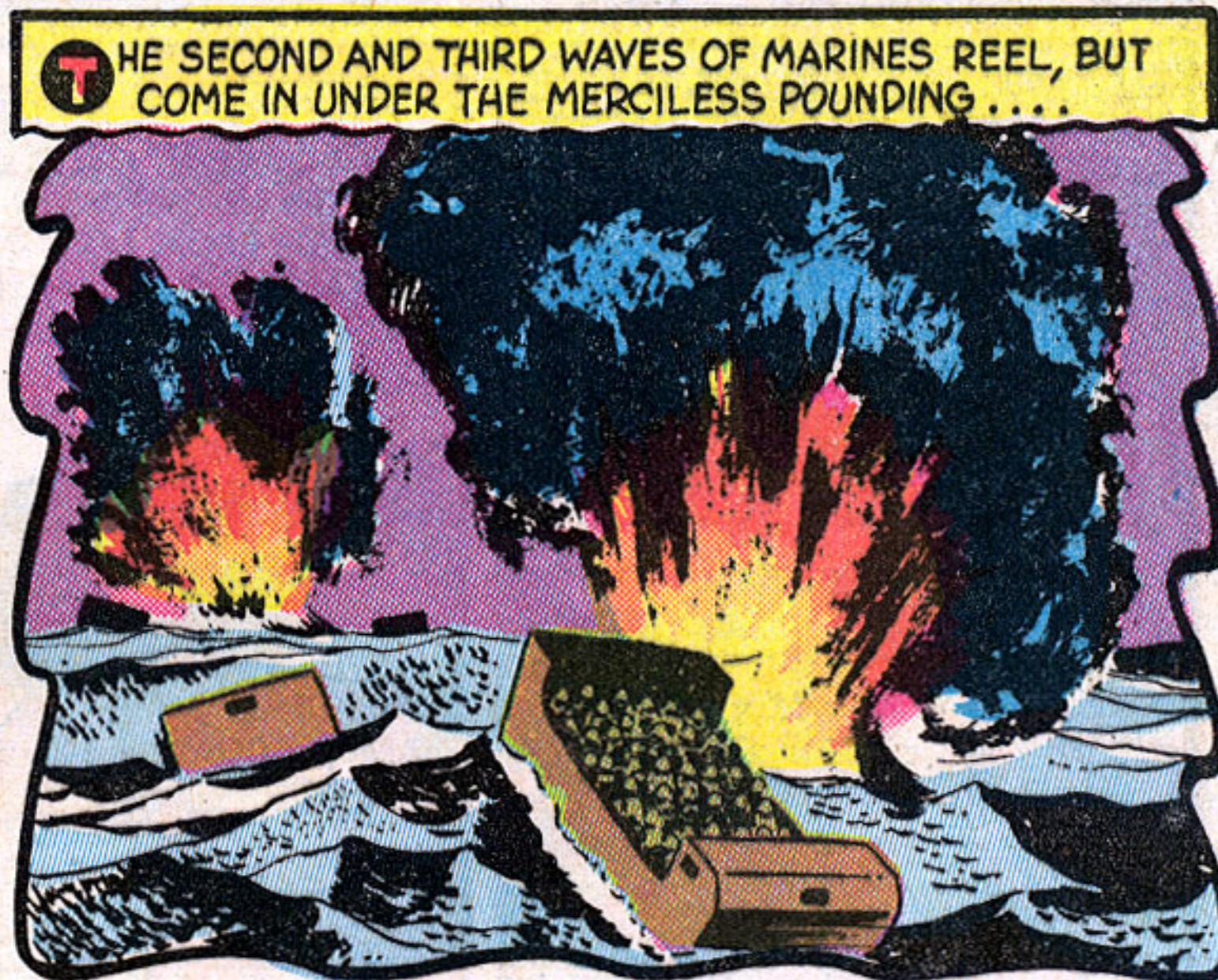
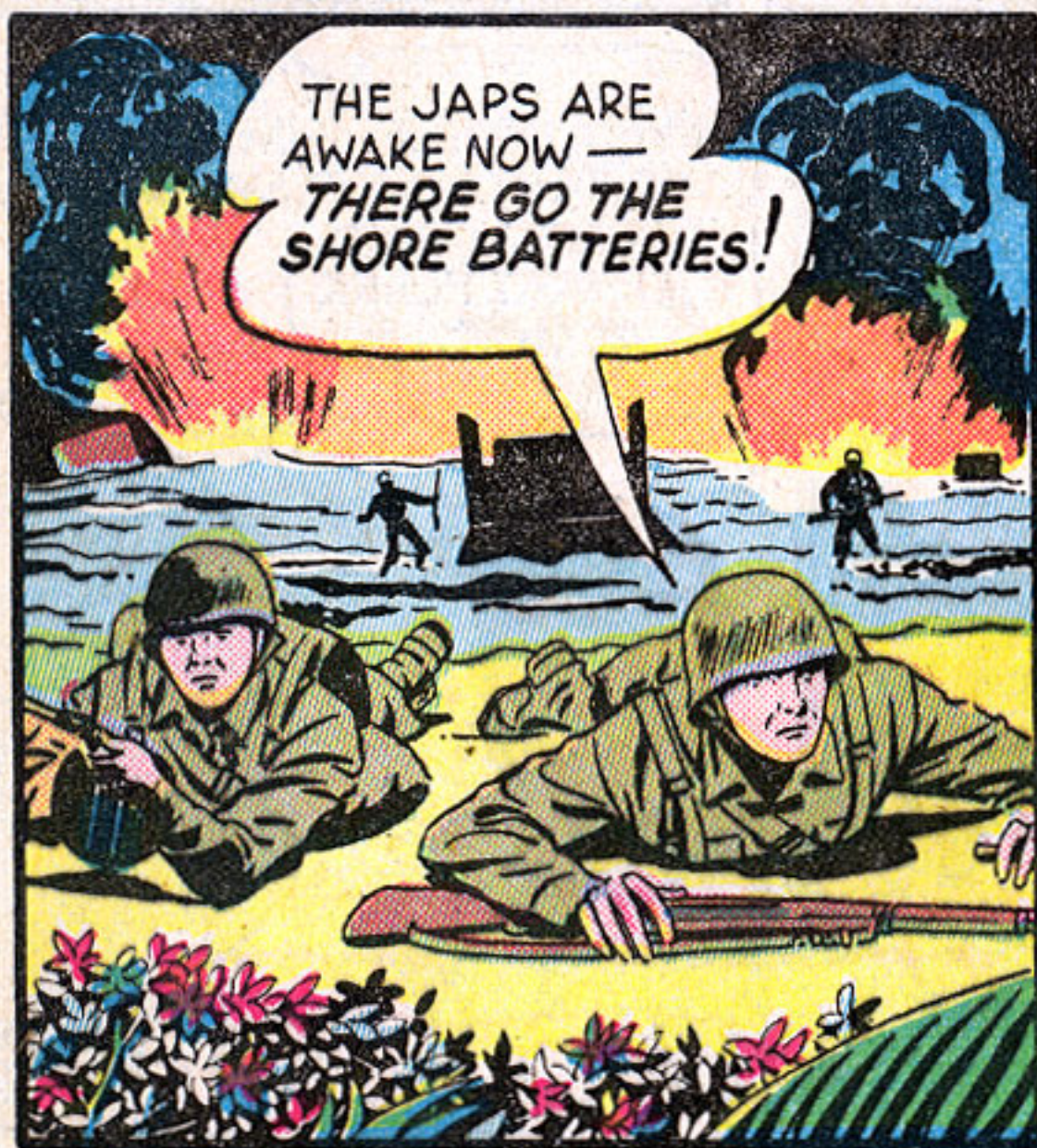
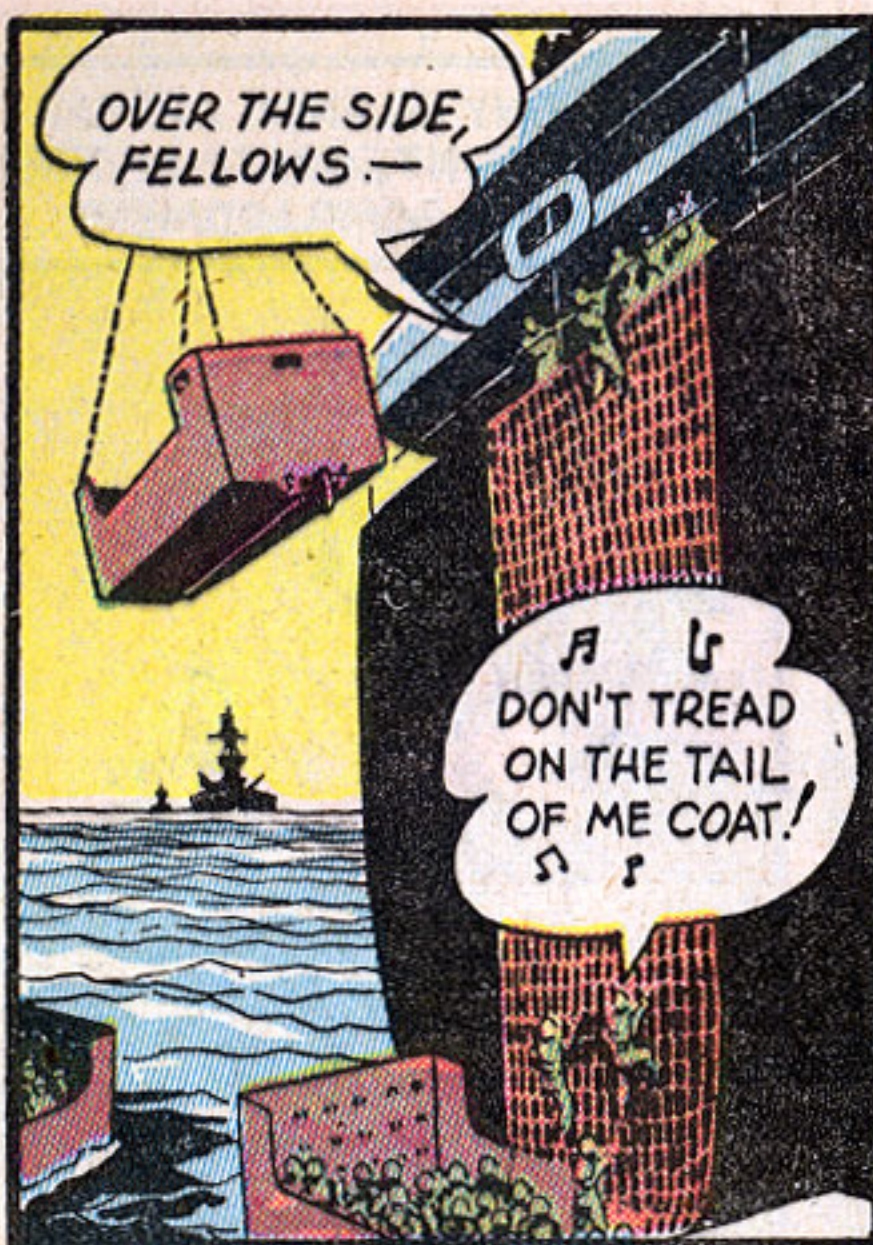


LYING JUST OFF GAVUTU — A MARINE TRANSPORT . . .

LISTEN TO THE
NAVY PLAYING
SWEET MUSIC!

HOPE THEY
LEAVE US
A COUPLE OF
JAPS TO
DANCE WITH!





THE NIPS CAN HOLD OUT FOREVER IN THOSE CAVES.

THEY WON'T.... CALL IN THE NAVY TO LAY DOWN ANOTHER BARRAGE....

MOVING IN CLOSE, A U.S. CRUISER SHELLS THE HONEY-COMBED HILLS OF GAVUTU AND TANAMBOGO....

THE TINY ISLANDS APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE UNDER THE NAVAL BOMBARDMENT...

BUT WHEN THE SHELLING CEASES, THE CRACKLE OF RIFLES, MACHINE-GUNS, AND AUTOMATIC RIFLES RESUMES FROM THE DEEP CAVES.

MOST OF THAT FIRING IS COMING FROM TANAMBOGO, ACROSS THE CAUSEWAY.

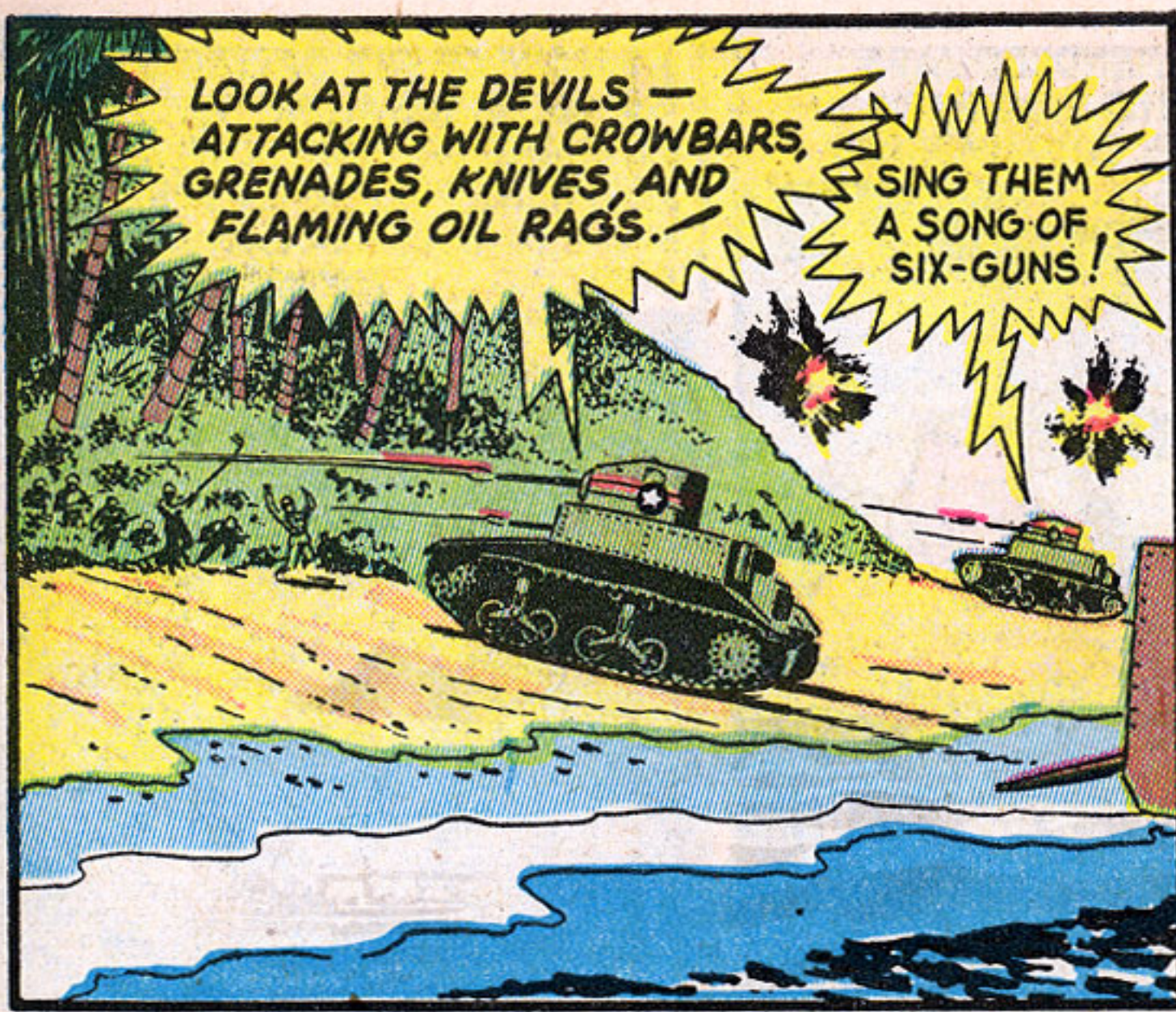
WE MIGHT DRAW THE JAPS OUT WITH A FEINT ON THE FLANK — AND THEN SMASH THEM WITH A DIRECT ASSAULT.

I'VE A COUPLE OF TANKS, SIR. I'D LIKE A CRACK AT THAT FLANK ATTACK.

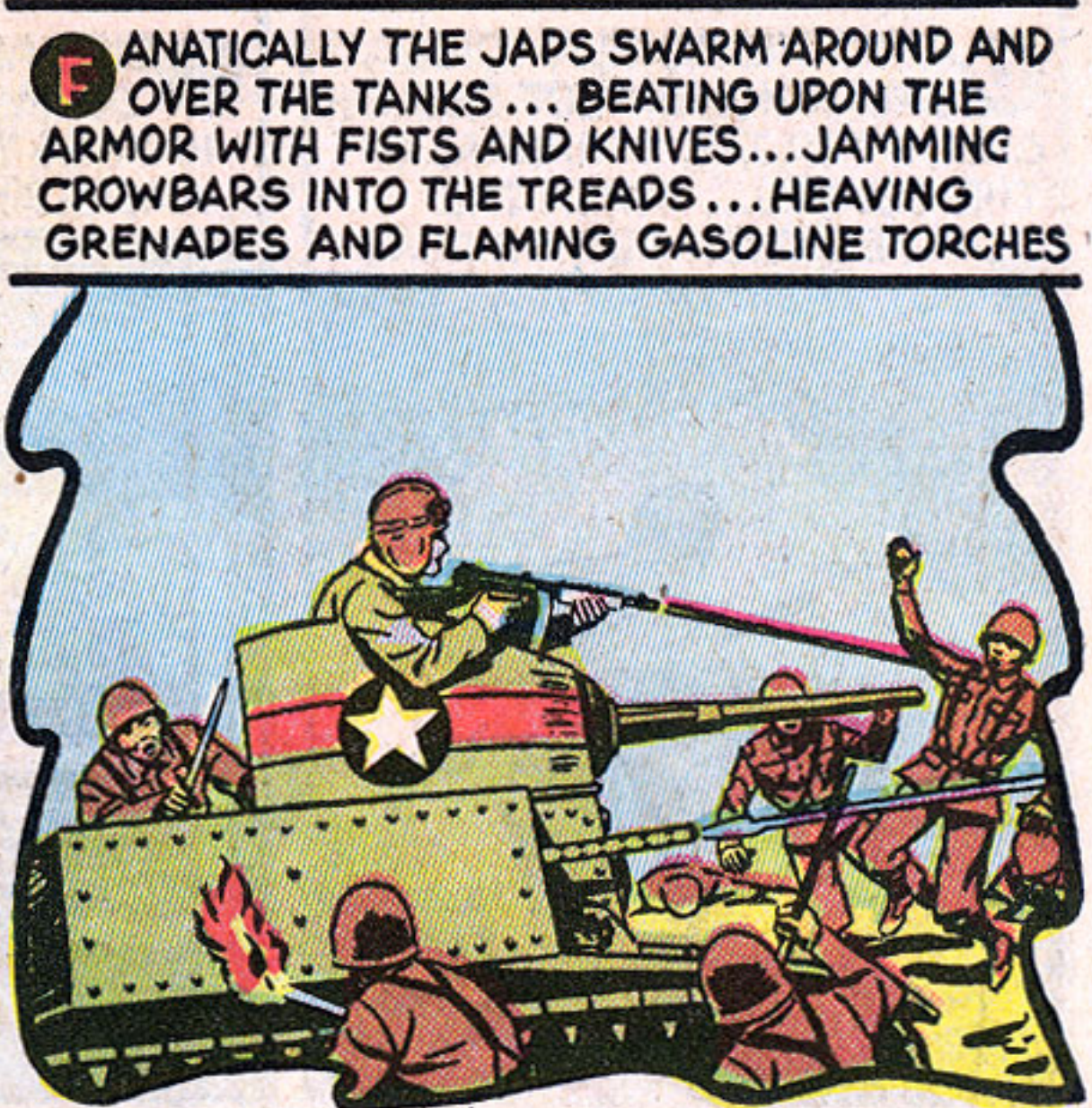
FINE, CAPTAIN SWEENEY! GOOD LUCK!

OVER THEIR GUNS, THE MARINES ON GAVUTU WATCH THE TANK-CARRYING LIGHTERS BOB THROUGH THE CHOPPY WATERS TOWARDS TANAMBOGO....

THE LIGHTERS HIT THE TANAMBOGO BEACH — AND TWO OR THREE HUNDRED JAPS POUR DOWN THE HILLSIDE AS THE TANKS STORM ASHORE....



LOOK AT THE DEVILS —
ATTACKING WITH CROWBARS,
GRENADES, KNIVES, AND
FLAMING OIL RAGS. SING THEM
A SONG OF
SIX-GUNS!



FANATICALLY THE JAPS SWARM AROUND AND
OVER THE TANKS ... BEATING UPON THE
ARMOR WITH FISTS AND KNIVES...JAMMING
CROWBARS INTO THE TREADS...HEAVING
GRENADES AND FLAMING GASOLINE TORCHES



FIRING FROM AN OPEN HATCH,
A TANK COMMANDER KILLS
TWENTY-THREE JAPS BEFORE HE
IS KNIFED TO DEATH ... THE
JAP DEAD PILE HIGH ON THE
BEACH ... ONLY ONE MARINE
ESCAPES ALIVE....



MEANWHILE, OTHER MARINES
FROM GAVUTU CHARGE
ACROSS THE CAUSEWAY...



AND CAPTURE THE PILLBOXES
THAT COMMAND IT....



A FEW JAPS CLOSE IN FOR
BLOODY HAND-TO-HAND
FIGHTING NOT A MARINE
LOSES HIS LIFE TO A JAP
BAYONET....



BUT MOST OF THE JAPS
RETREAT TO THE CAVES,
FROM WHICH THEY CONTINUE
THEIR DEADLY SNIPING

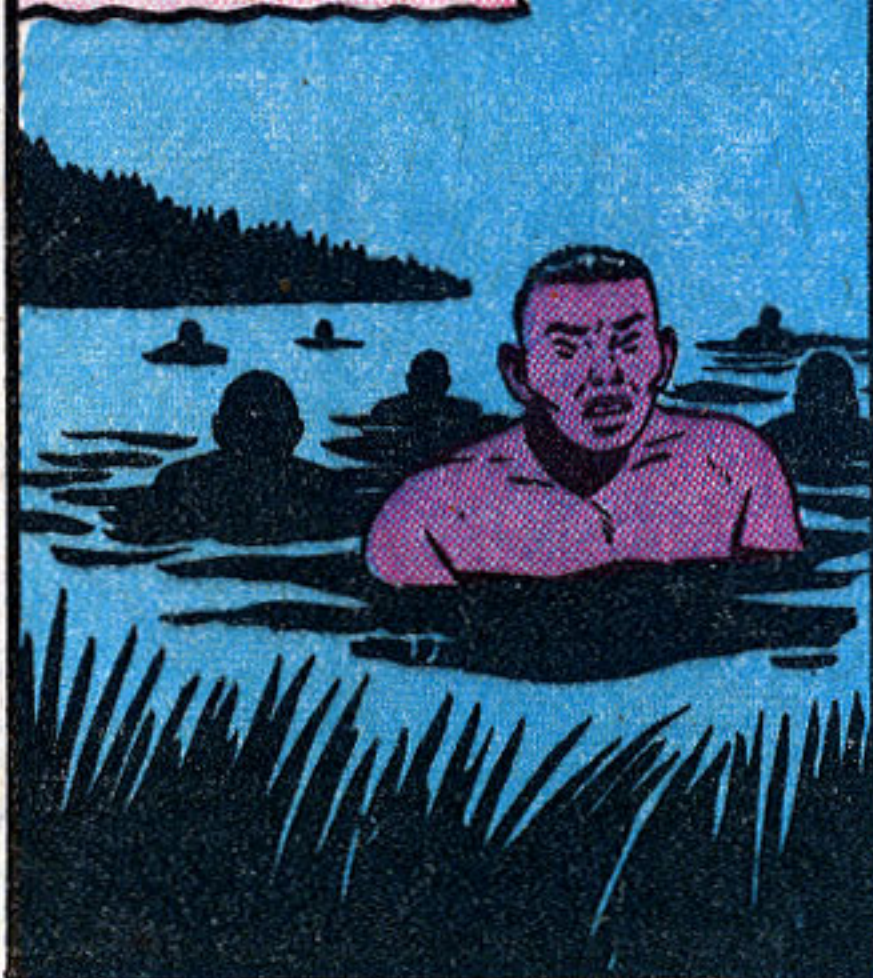


NIGHT CAME WITH LASHING
RAINS ... DRIVEN BACK
FROM TANAMBOGO, THE MARINES
BATTLE STUBBORNLY ON
GAVUTU....

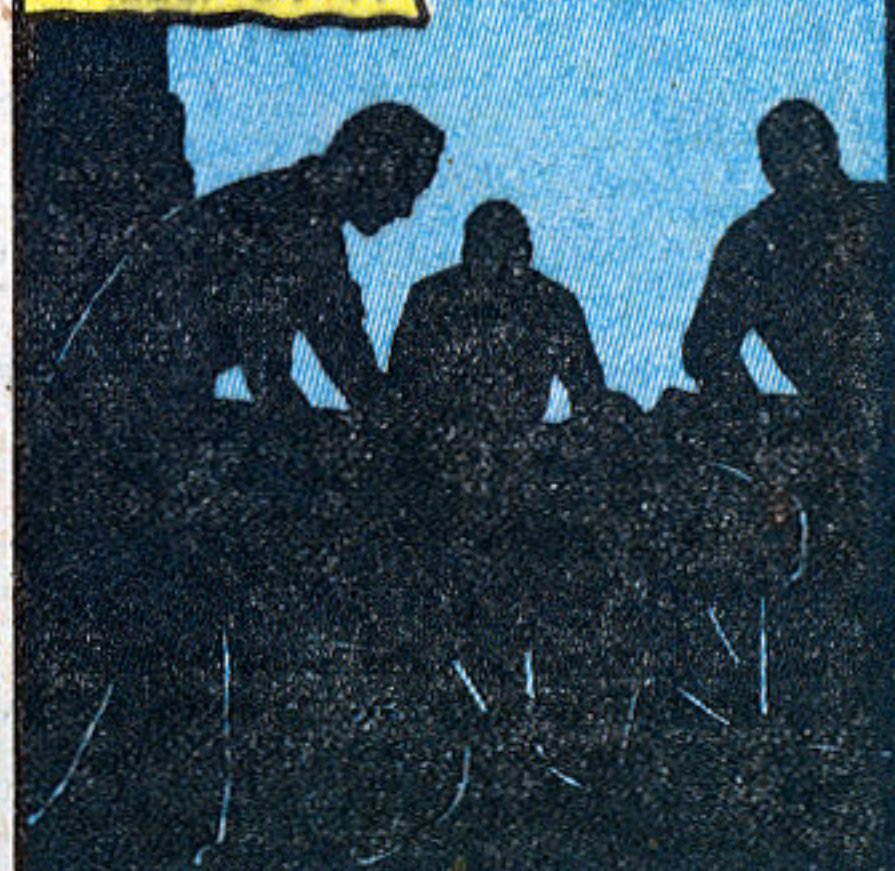
DURING THE NIGHT, A VOICE SPEAKING PERFECT ENGLISH CALLS FOR THE CORPORAL OF THE GUARD.... WHEN THE MARINES RUSH OUT, SNIPERS SHOOT THEM DEAD....



SEVERAL HUNDRED JAPS SWIM INTO GAVUTU TO HARASS THE OUTNUMBERED AMERICANS....



IN ONE OF THE BATTERED BUILDINGS ALONG THE SHORE, DR. BURKE, DR. EISENBURG, AND DR. THORNE PERFORMED MIRACLES IN THE DARK UNDER CONSTANT SHELLING....



ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT AND THE NEXT DAY THE FIGHTING RAGES FIERCELY....

IF THOSE MONKEYS WOULD COME OUT OF THE CAVES FOR JUST A MINUTE—



THE CAVES HAVE TO BE TAKEN ONE BY ONE WITH TNT.!

COVER ME, JOE, WHILE I RUN OVER AND DELIVER THIS TO TOJO,— PARCEL POST!



YOOHOO, TOJO! HERE COMES THE MAIL!



MY!MY! NO WONDER THE POSTMAN ONLY RINGS ONCE!



CAPTAIN HAROLD L. TORGERSON ALONE BLASTED OVER FIFTY CAVES, USING TWENTY CASES OF DYNAMITE....



EVERY MARINE ON GAVUTU AND TANAMBOGO WAS A HERO.... THESE ARE ONLY A FEW....



CORP. RALPH W. FORDYCE WIPED OUT SIX JAP EMPLACEMENTS ... IN EACH WERE AT LEAST SIX JAPS....

P.F.C. RONALD A. BURDO CHARGED GAVUTU HILLTOP, SHOOTING AN AUTOMATIC RIFLE FROM HIS HIP AND KILLING EIGHT JAPS....

CORP. GEORGE F. GRADY CHARGED EIGHT JAPS ON GAVUTU HILL, MACHINE-GUNNING TWO, CLUBBING ONE, AND KNIFING TWO MORE BEFORE BEING KILLED HIMSELF....



THE NEXT NIGHT UNDER THE PROTECTION OF NAVAL FIRE, MARINE RAIDERS ATTEMPTED ANOTHER LANDING ON TANAMBOGO....

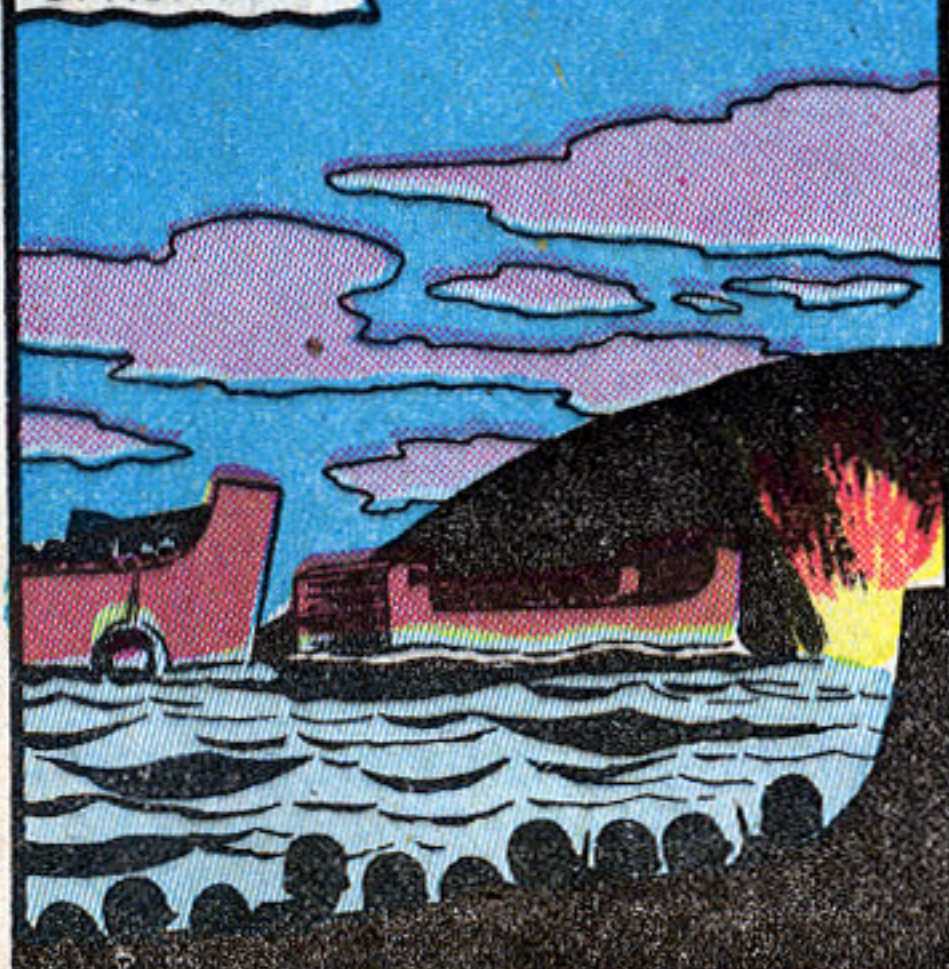


HOWEVER, ONLY TWO OF THE BARGES REACH SHORE....



A FREAK ACCIDENT CAUSES THE OTHERS TO TURN BACK WHEN THE COXSAIN OF A LEADING BARGE IS KILLED AND HIS BOAT SPINS AROUND AND HEADS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION....

FOUR O'CLOCK THE FOLLOWING MORNING A LARGER FORCE SETS OUT AGAIN UNDER LT. COL. ROBERT G. HUNT....



THIS TIME NOTHING CAN STOP THE UNITED STATES MARINES. *THEY TAKE TANAMBOGO!*




THE JAPS LOST OVER 800 MEN, OF WHOM ONLY NINE WERE TAKEN PRISONER. A FEW ESCAPED TO FLORIDA ISLAND... OUR CASUALTIES WERE TWENTY-SEVEN KILLED AND FIFTY WOUNDED....



The End

BIRTH OF THE MARINES



THE OLDEST KNOWN DOCUMENT IN AMERICAN MARINE HISTORY, A PAY ROLL DATED JULY 1, 1775, CARRIES THE NAMES OF EIGHTEEN MEN WHO MADE UP THE MARINE GUARD OF THE TINY SLOOP **ENTERPRISE**, ONE OF BENEDICT ARNOLD'S MAKESHIFT FLEET WHICH WAS POUNDED TO PIECES BY BRITISH GUNS ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN IN OCT. 1776. BEATEN THE OUTNUMBERED AMERICANS WERE, BUT THEIR GALLANT HOLDING FIGHT PAVED THE WAY FOR THE DEFEAT OF BURGOYNE AT SARATOGA IN 1777.

GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS THE FATHER OF THE AMERICAN NAVY. WHILE THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS HOTLY DEBATED AND TERMED THE CREATION OF A NAVY "THE MADDEST IDEA IN THE WORLD," WASHINGTON FITTED OUT A FLEET OF SIX SCHOONERS AND SENT THEM TO SEA...



BUT ON OCT. 18, 1775, THE BRITISH BURNED FALMOUTH (NOW CALLED PORTLAND), IN MAINE, AND THE CONGRESS AUTHORIZED THE BUILDING OF A FLEET...

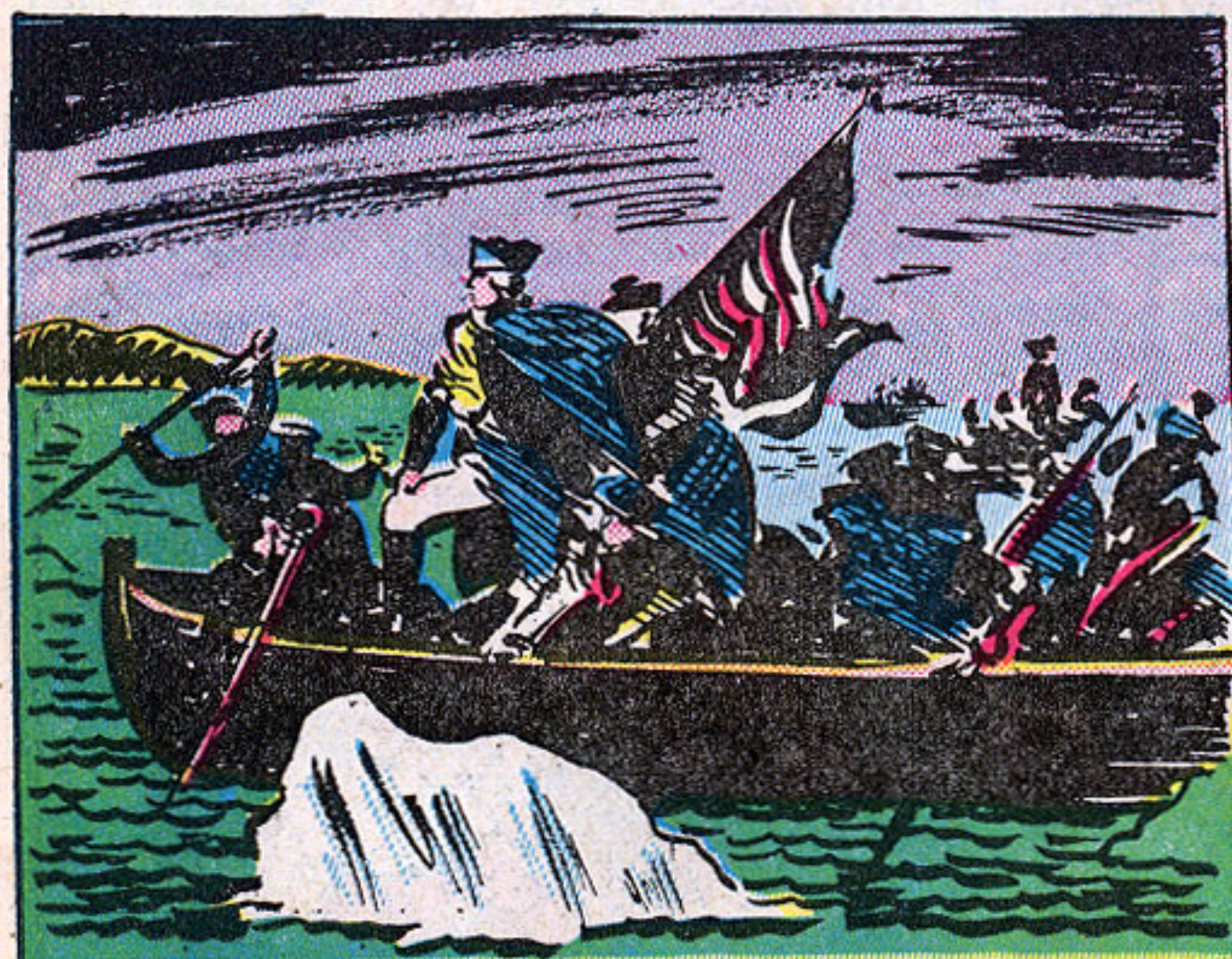
...AND ON NOVEMBER 10, 1775, CONGRESS AUTHORIZED THE CREATION OF TWO BATTALIONS OF CONTINENTAL MARINES. THIS DATE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND CELEBRATED AS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.



ON JANUARY 2, 1776, LT. JOHN PAUL JONES RAISED THE FIRST AMERICAN FLAG EVER TO FLY FROM A SHIP OF THE CONTINENTAL NAVY. THAT SHIP WAS THE ALFRED...



THE ALFRED AND FIVE OTHER SHIPS SAILED TO THE BAHAMAS, WHERE, ON MARCH 3, 1776, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, U.S. MARINES LANDED AND GOT THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND!

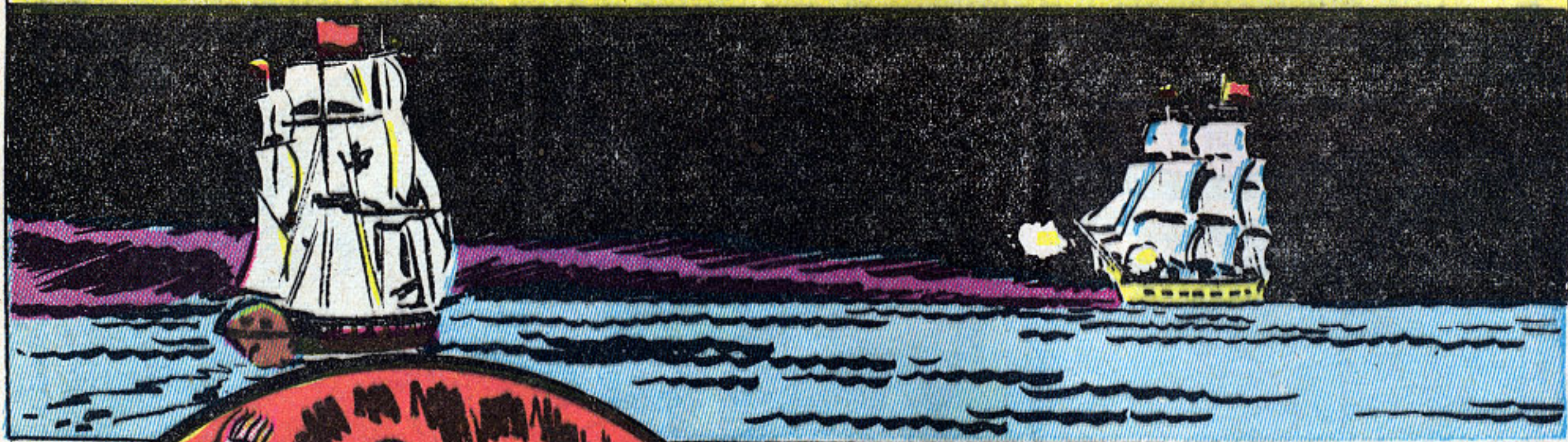


IN THE TRAGIC WINTER OF 1776, THE MARINES WENT TO THE SUPPORT OF WASHINGTON'S DWINDLING, DISHEARTENED ARMY... TOOK PART IN THE MEMORABLE CROSSING OF THE DELAWARE...

EARLY MORNING, APRIL 23, 1778... CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES AND MARINES FROM THE SLOOP-OF-WAR **RANGER** RAIDED WHITEHAVEN, ON THE COAST OF ENGLAND!



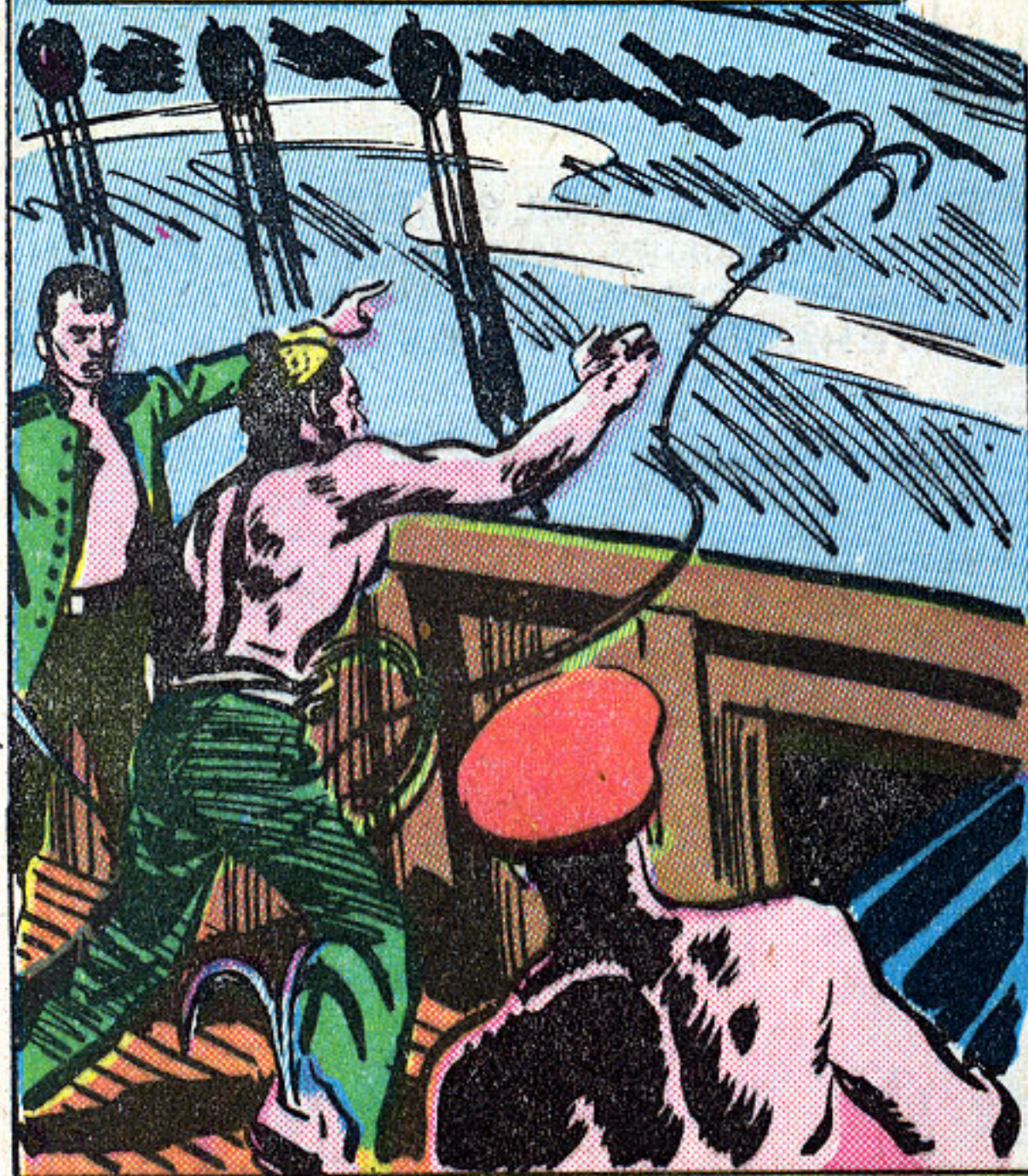
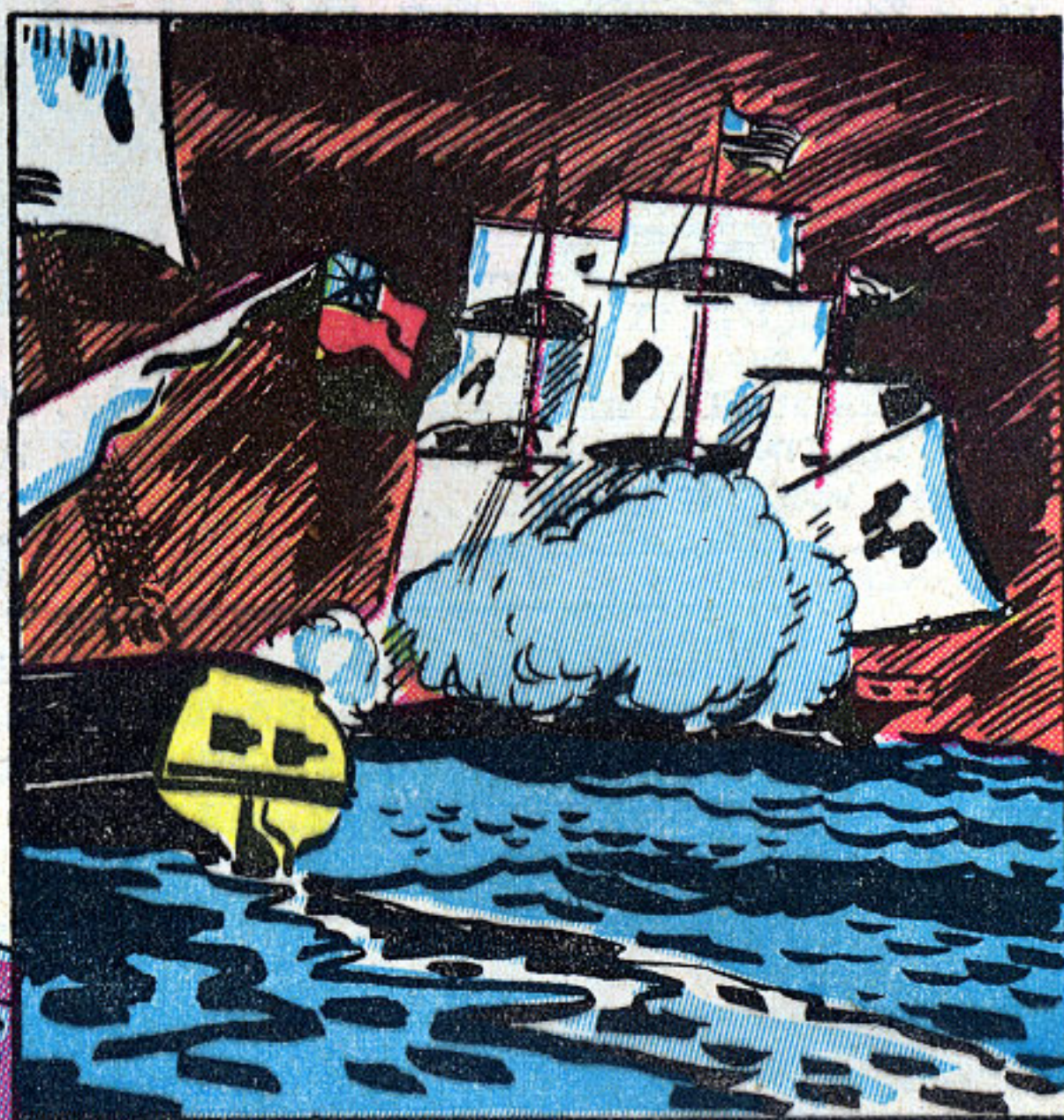
ON THE NIGHT OF SEPT 23, 1779, A FAMOUS SEA BATTLE WAS FOUGHT, BETWEEN THE BRITISH FRIGATE SERAPIS AND JOHN PAUL JONES' LEAKY, WORM-EATEN, AND UNWIELDY BON HOMME RICHARD, A CONVERTED INDIAN MERCHANTMAN WHICH HAD BEEN CONDEMNED AS UNFIT TO SAIL ...



THE HEAVIER-ARMED, SWIFTER SAILING SERAPIS BEGAN TO POUND THE RICHARD TO PIECES ...



AS THE BON HOMME RICHARD OPENED FIRE, TWO OF HER ANTIQUATED CANNON EXPLODED, KILLING THE GUN CREWS!



...UNTIL FINALLY, THE WILY JONES BROUGHT THE RICHARD IN CLOSE AND THREW GRAPNELS ABOARD THE SERAPIS!



BUT THE BRITISH SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BOARD THE RICHARD!

AND THEN
THE MARINES
TOOK A
HAND!



THEIR BOARDING PARTY TURNED BACK, THE BRITISH AGAIN OPENED UP
WITH THEIR HEAVY CANNON, SHATTERING PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE
STARBOARD SIDE OF THE RICHARD...



TO HALT THIS
DISASTROUS FIRE
MARINES AND
SAILORS OF THE
RICHARD FOUGHT
A BITTER AND
NOVEL ACTION
AGAINST THE
BRITISH GUNNERS,
PREVENTING
THEM FROM
CLEARING AND
RELOADING
THEIR PIECES...



MEANWHILE, ALOFT IN THE
RICHARD'S FIGHTING-TOPS,
MARINES WERE BUSY...



BUT THE PANIC-STRICKEN MEN ON THE RICHARD CRIED
OUT TO SURRENDER, SHOUTING THAT THE SHIP WAS
SINKING, AND THE BRITISH CAPTAIN 'PEARSON
CALLED OUT: HAVE YOU SURRENDERED?



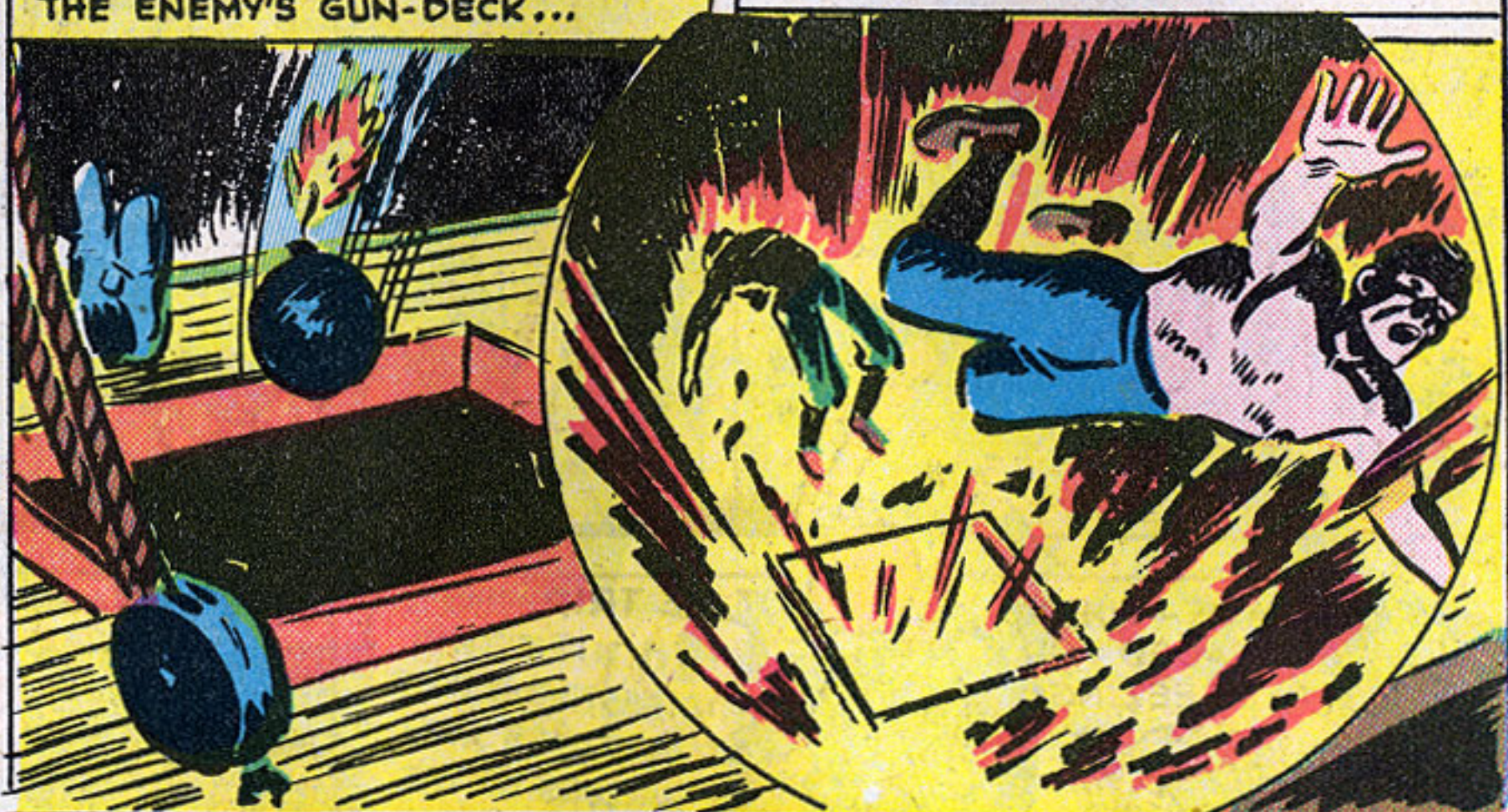
NO!
I HAVE NOT
YET BEGUN
TO FIGHT!



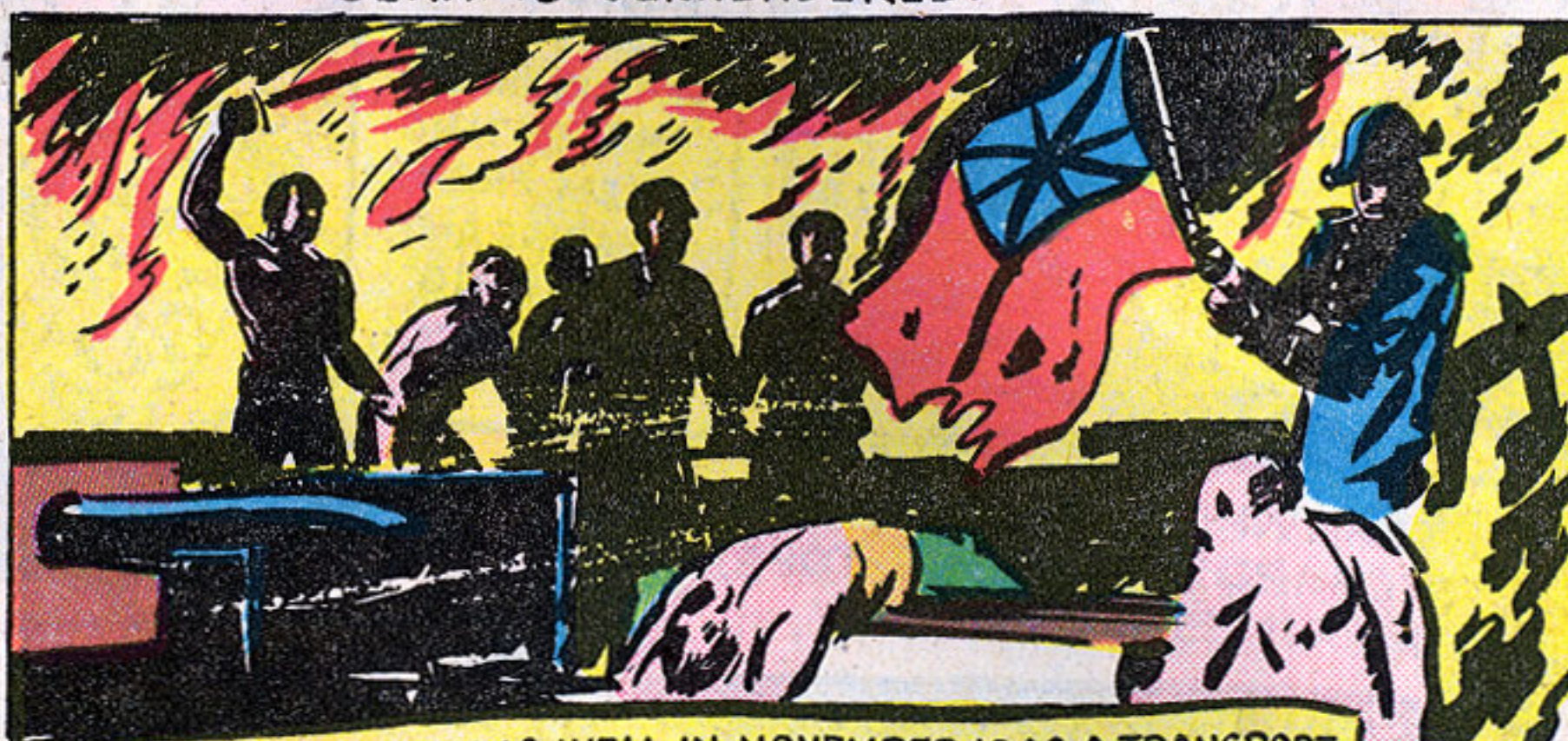
AND THE RICHARD'S MARINES, CRAWLING ALONG A PERILOUSLY SWAYING YARDARM OF THE SINKING SHIP, MADE GOOD THEIR CAPTAIN'S DEFIANT CLAIM!

AFTER SEVERAL TRIES, THE MARINES SUCCEEDED IN DROPPING ONE OF THE GRENADES THROUGH THE OPEN MAIN-HATCH OF THE SERAPIS INTO THE ENEMY'S GUN-DECK...

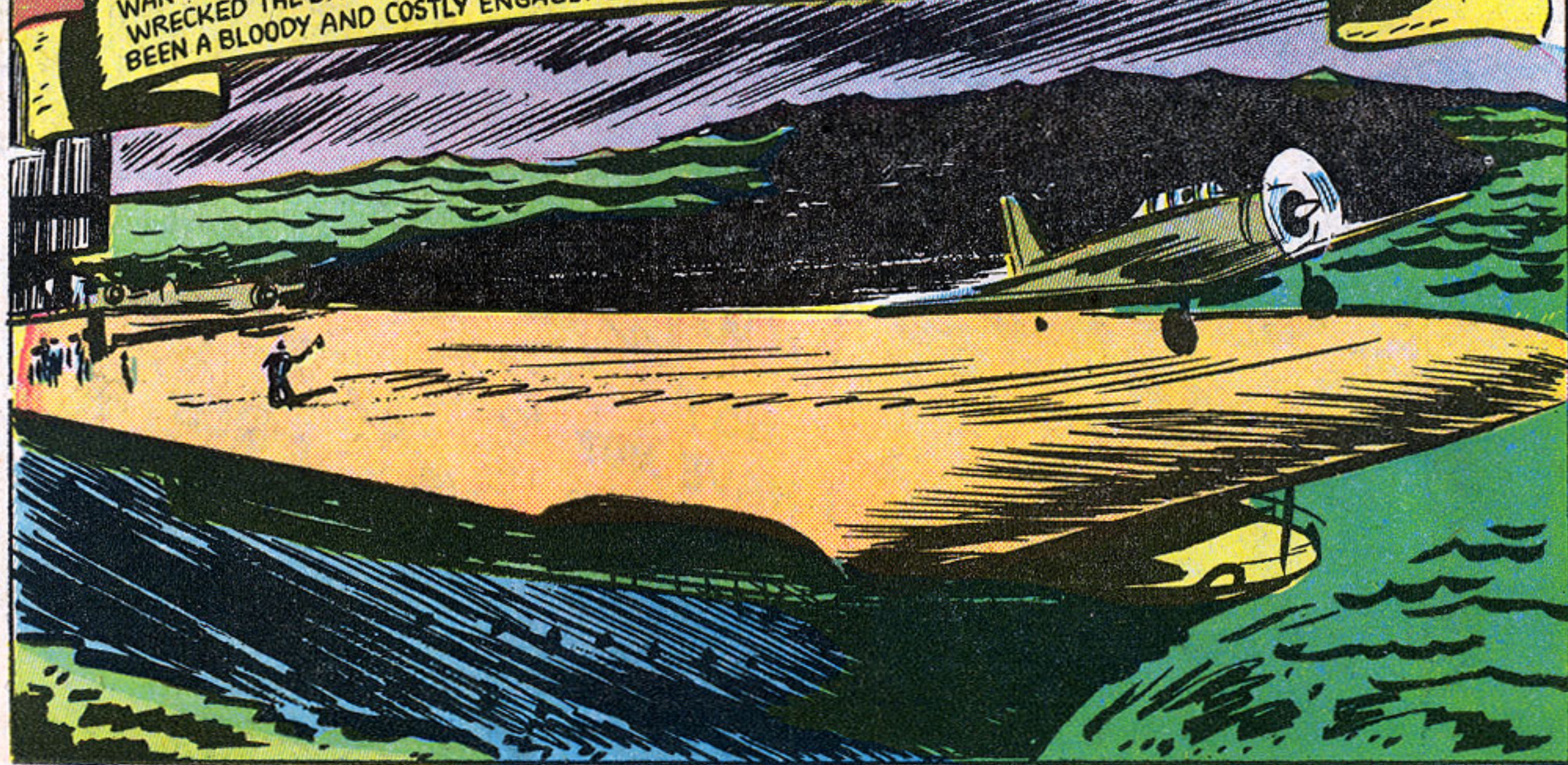
THE EXPLOSION OF THE GRENADE SET OFF POWDER CARTRIDGES STACKED BEHIND THE GUNS, AND A DEVASTATING BLAST DESTROYED THE ENTIRE BATTERY!

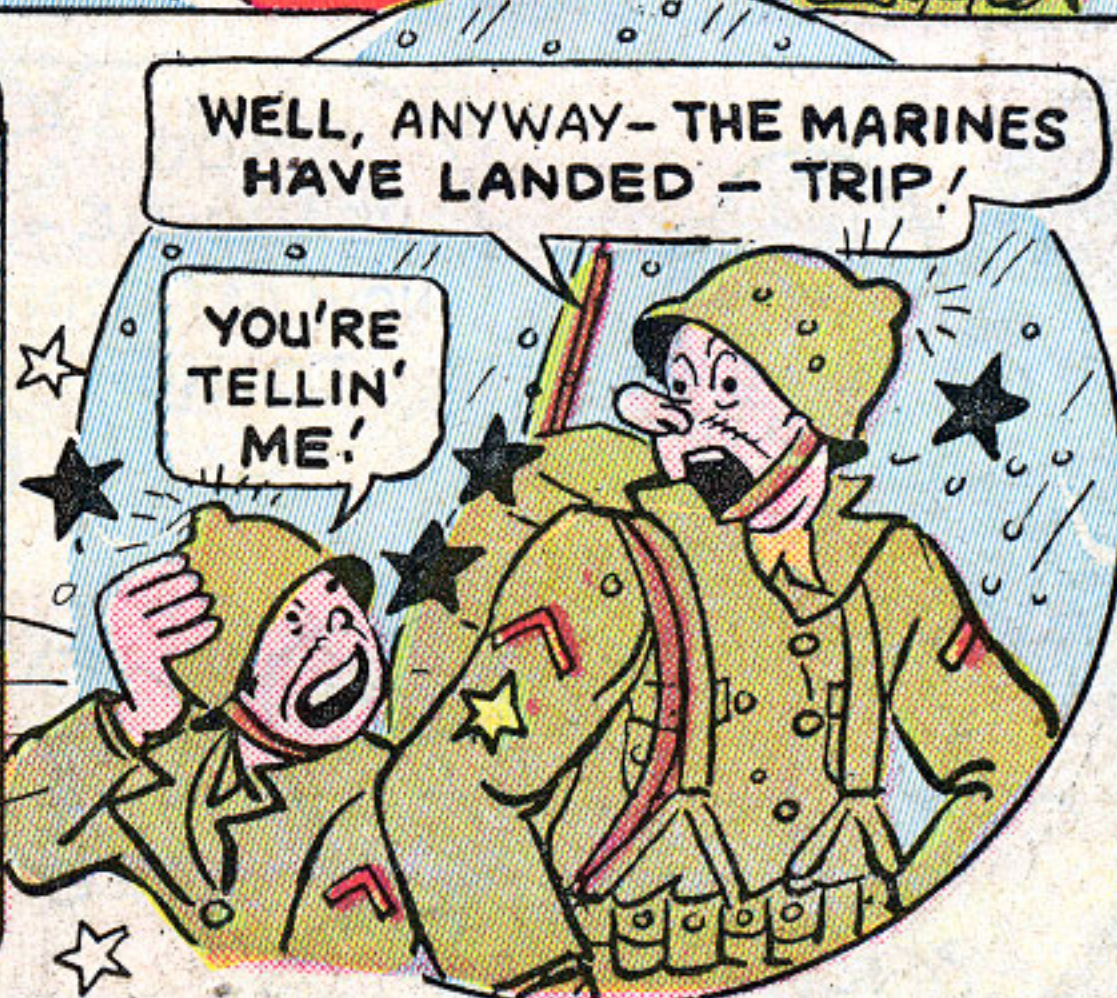
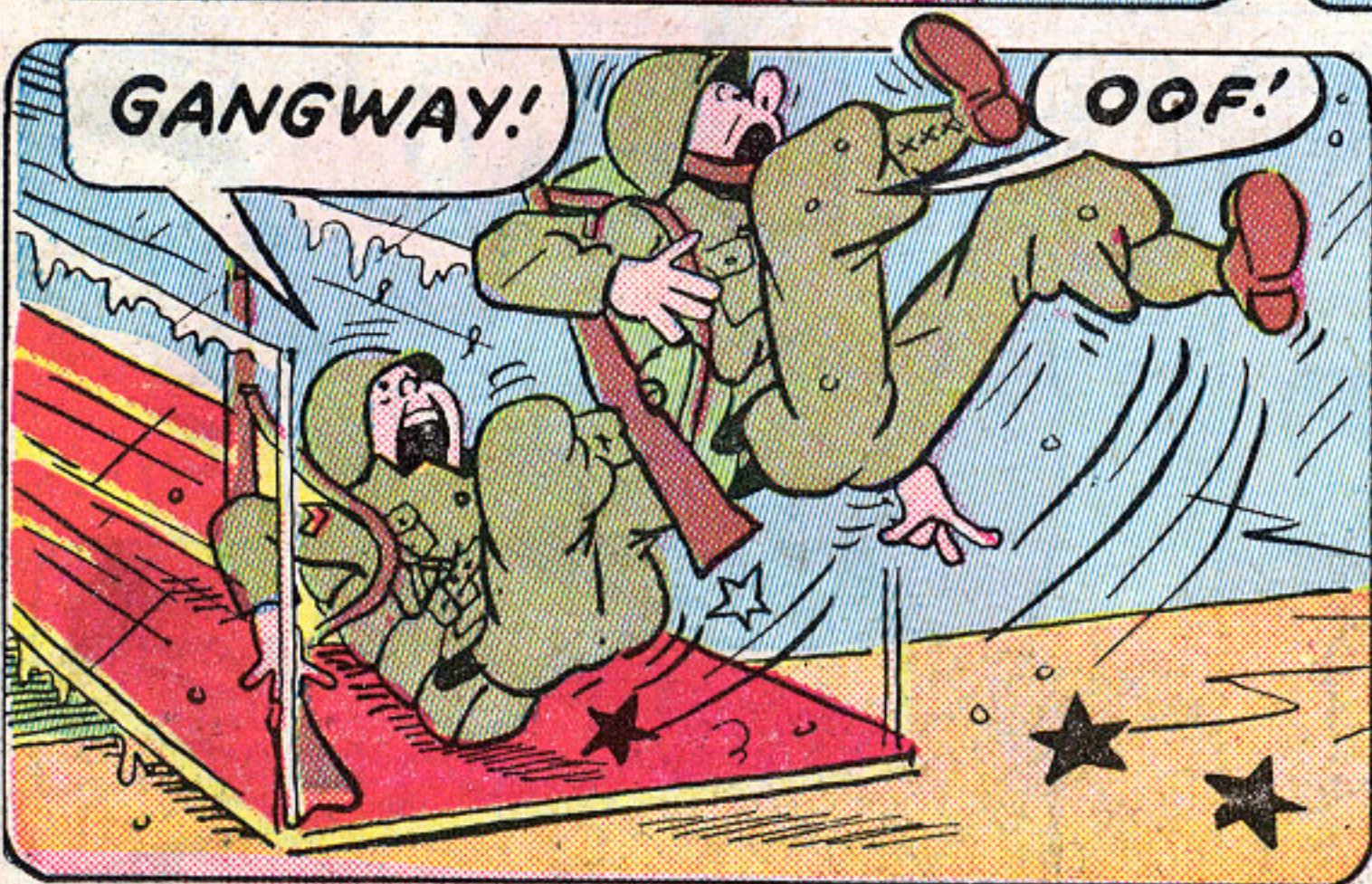
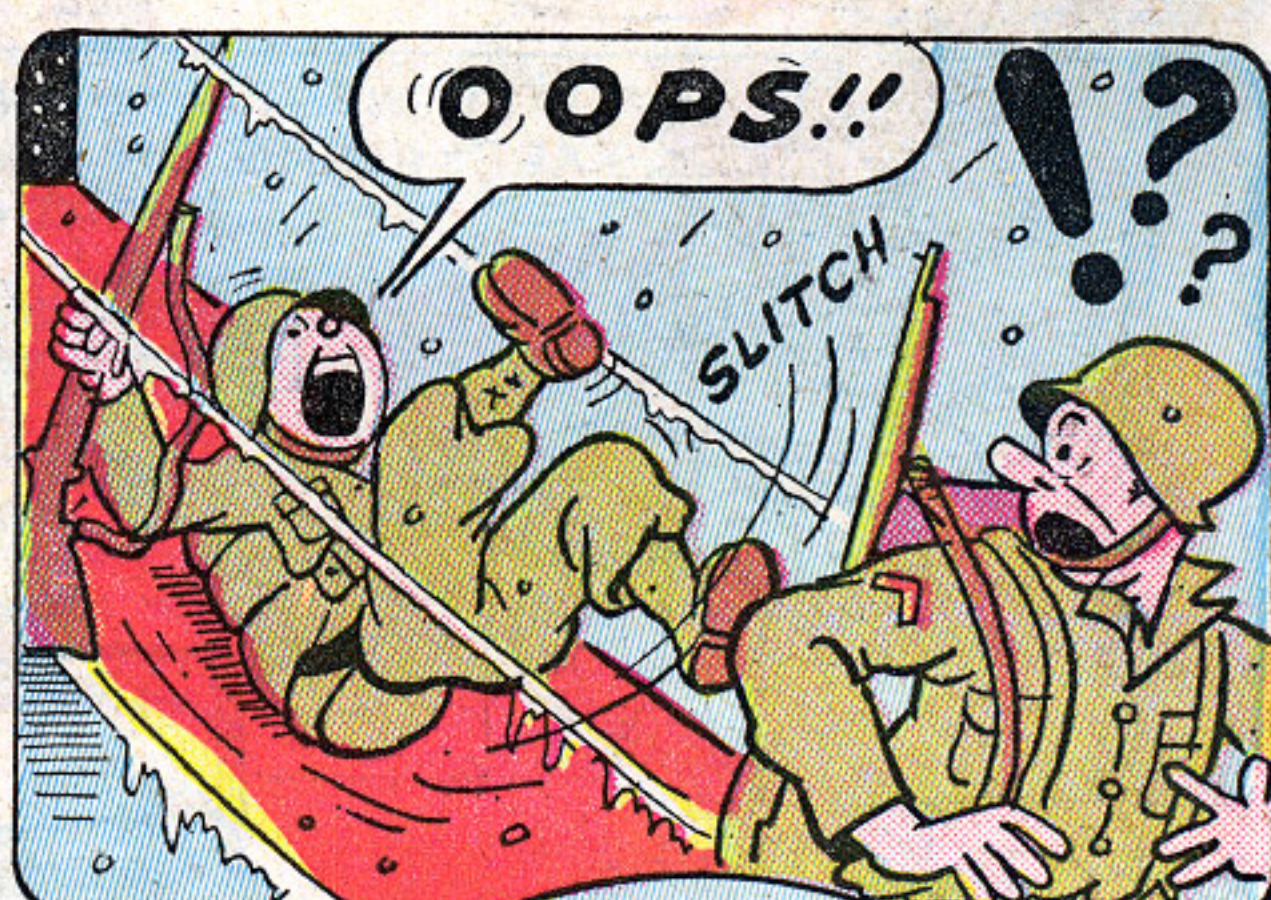
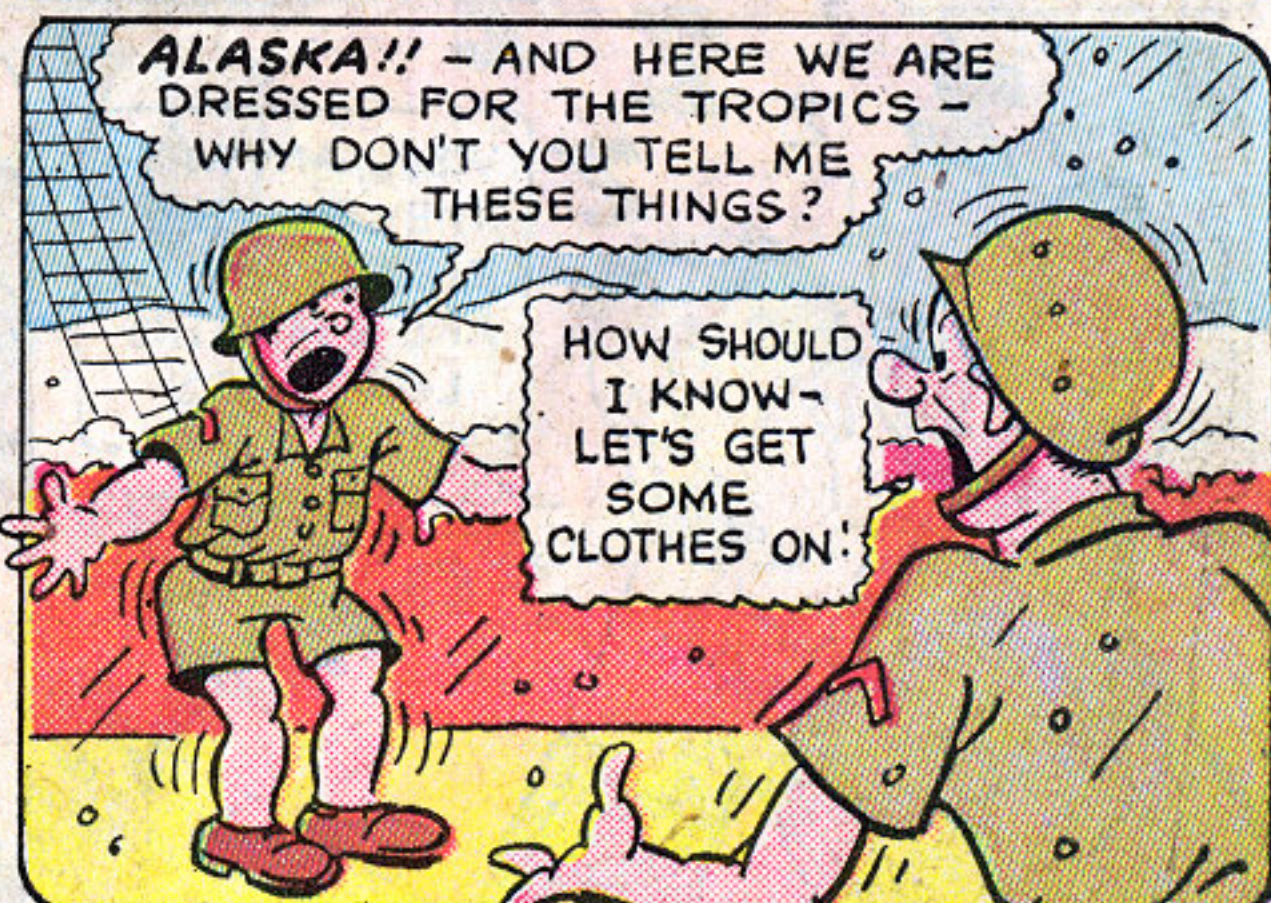
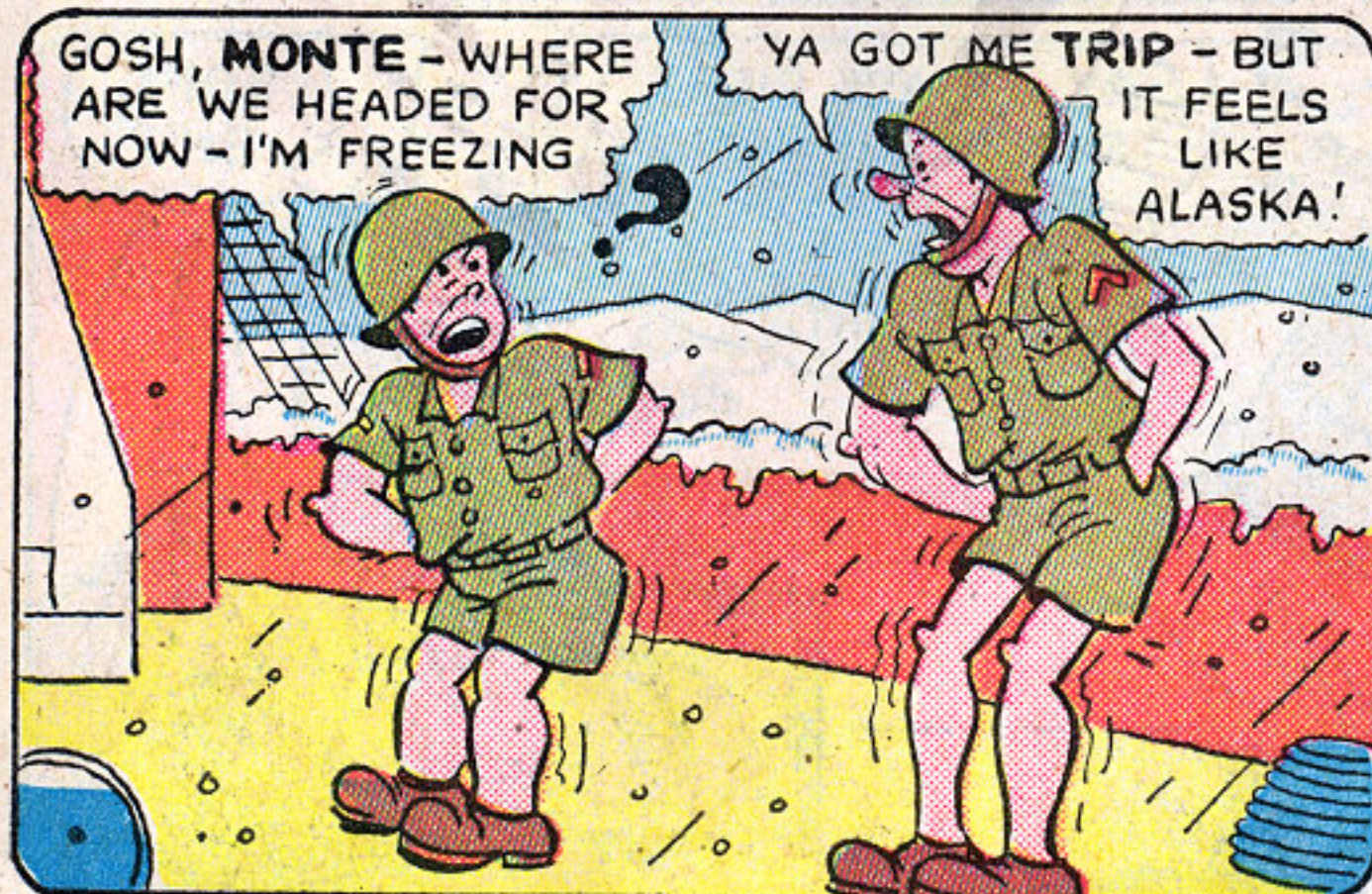
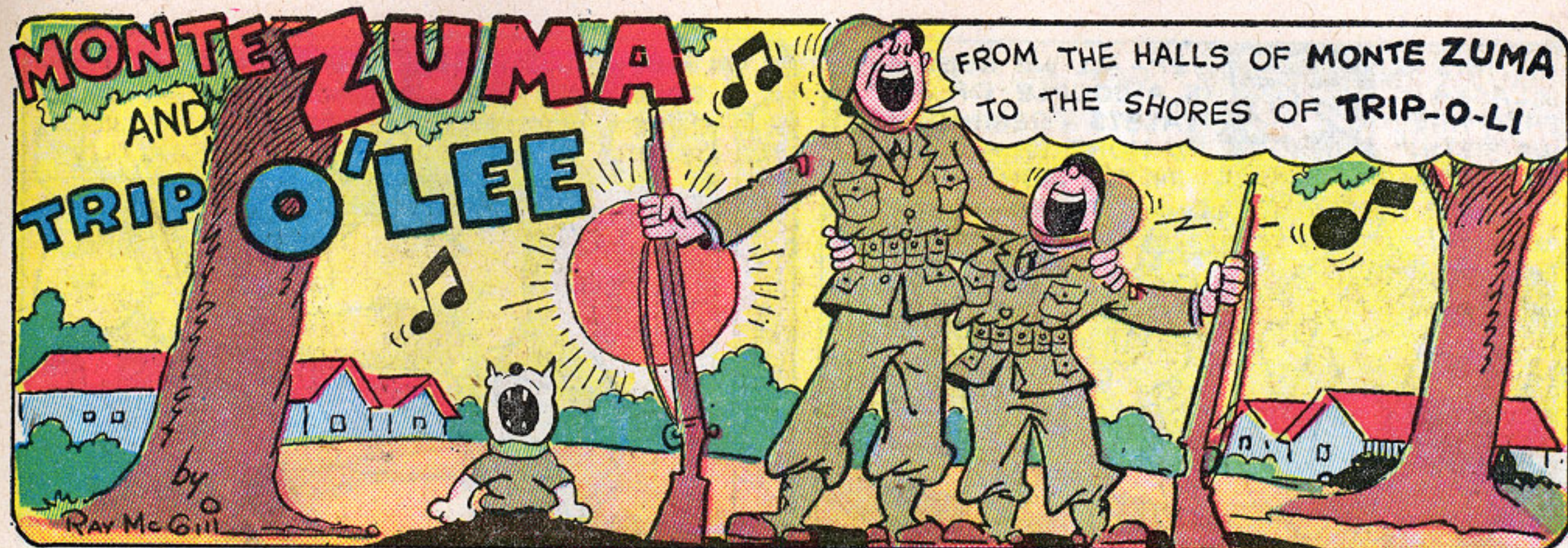


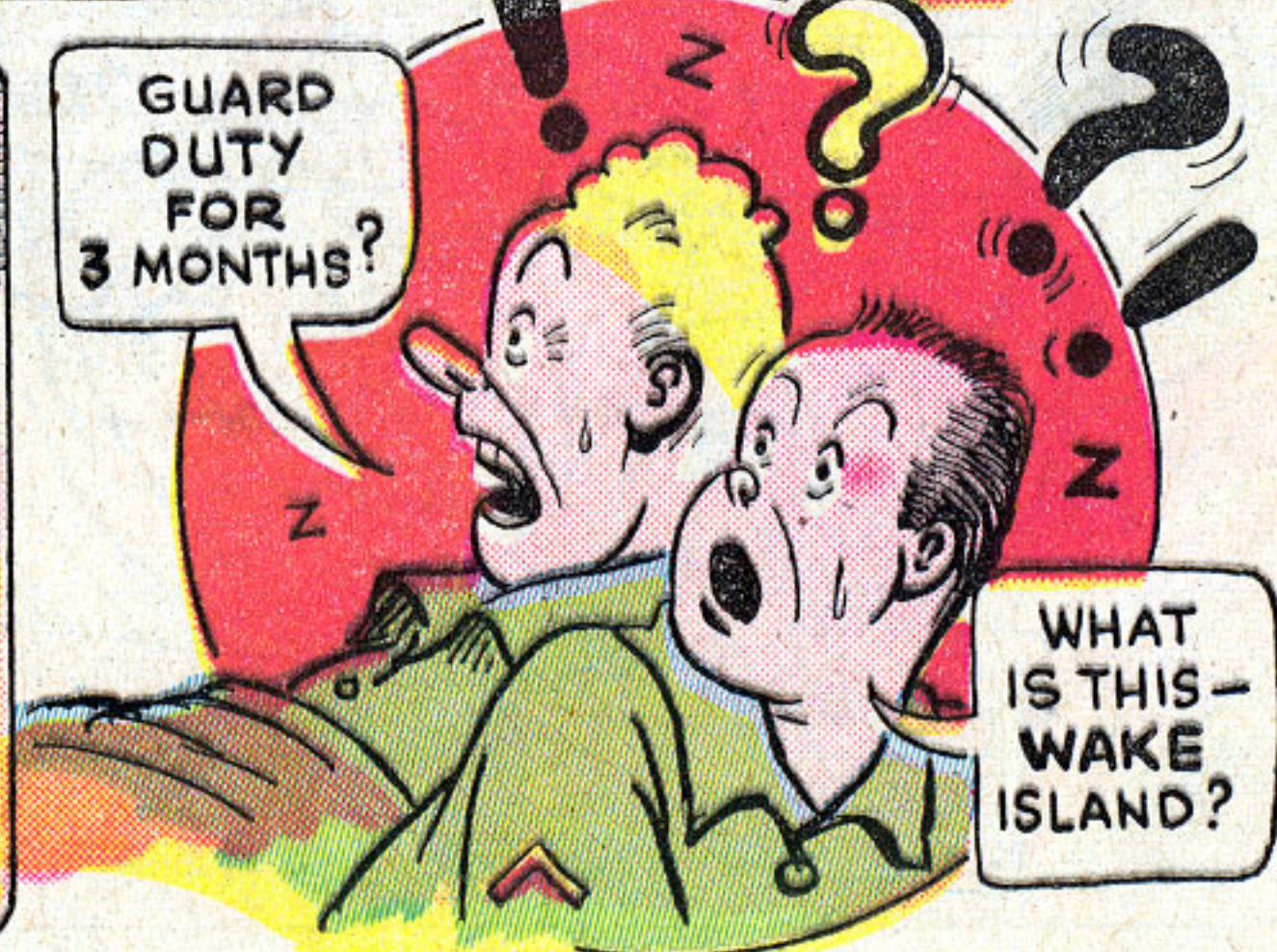
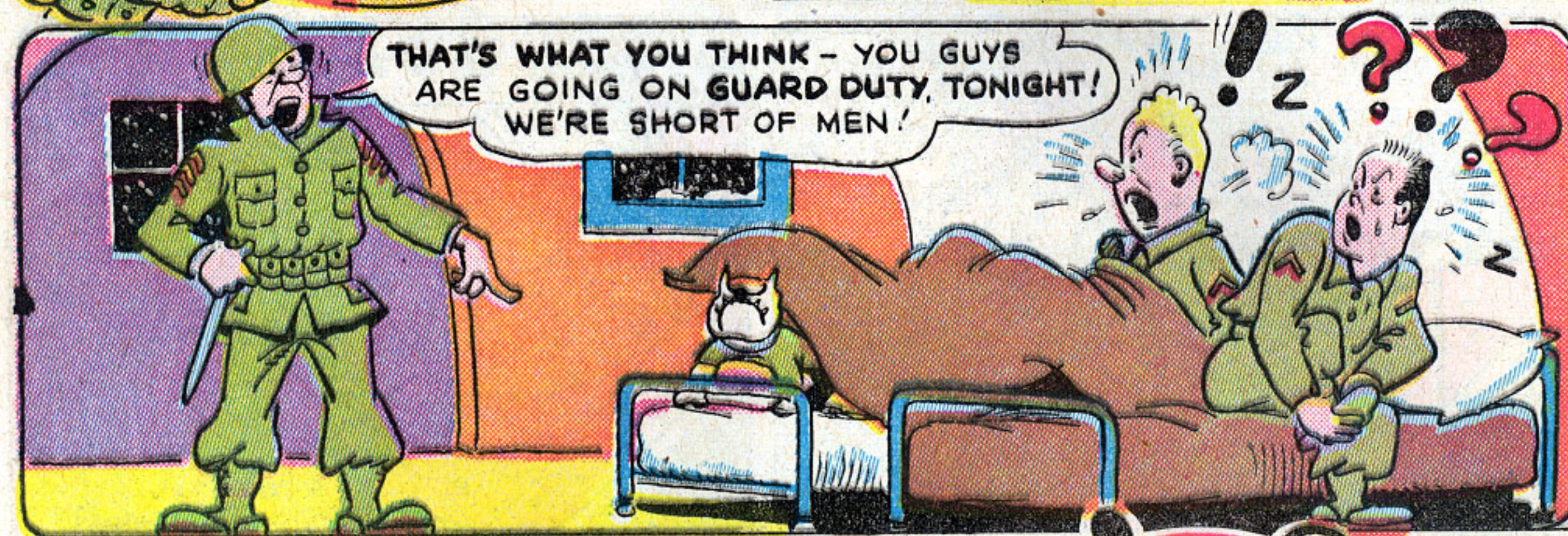
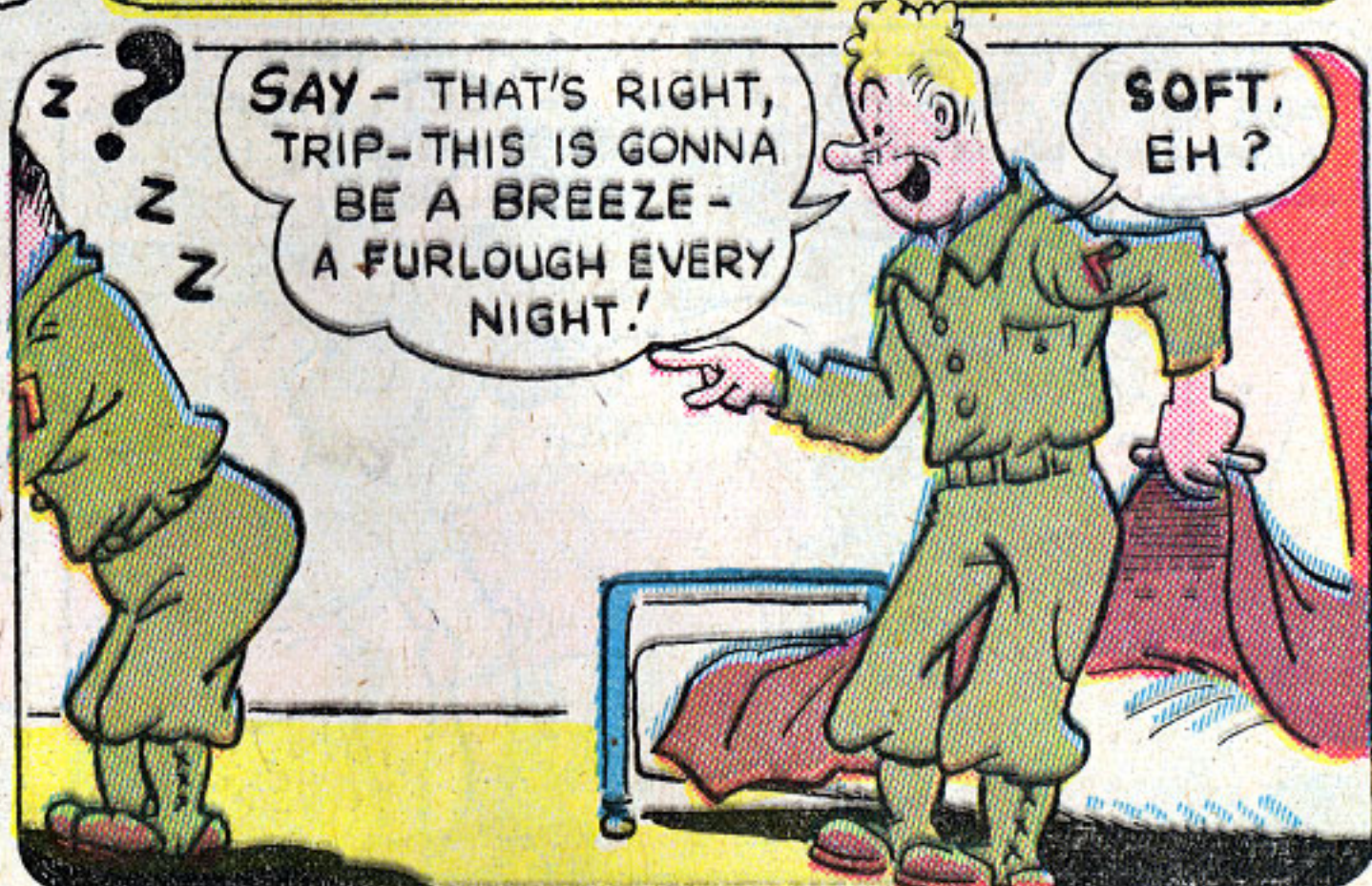
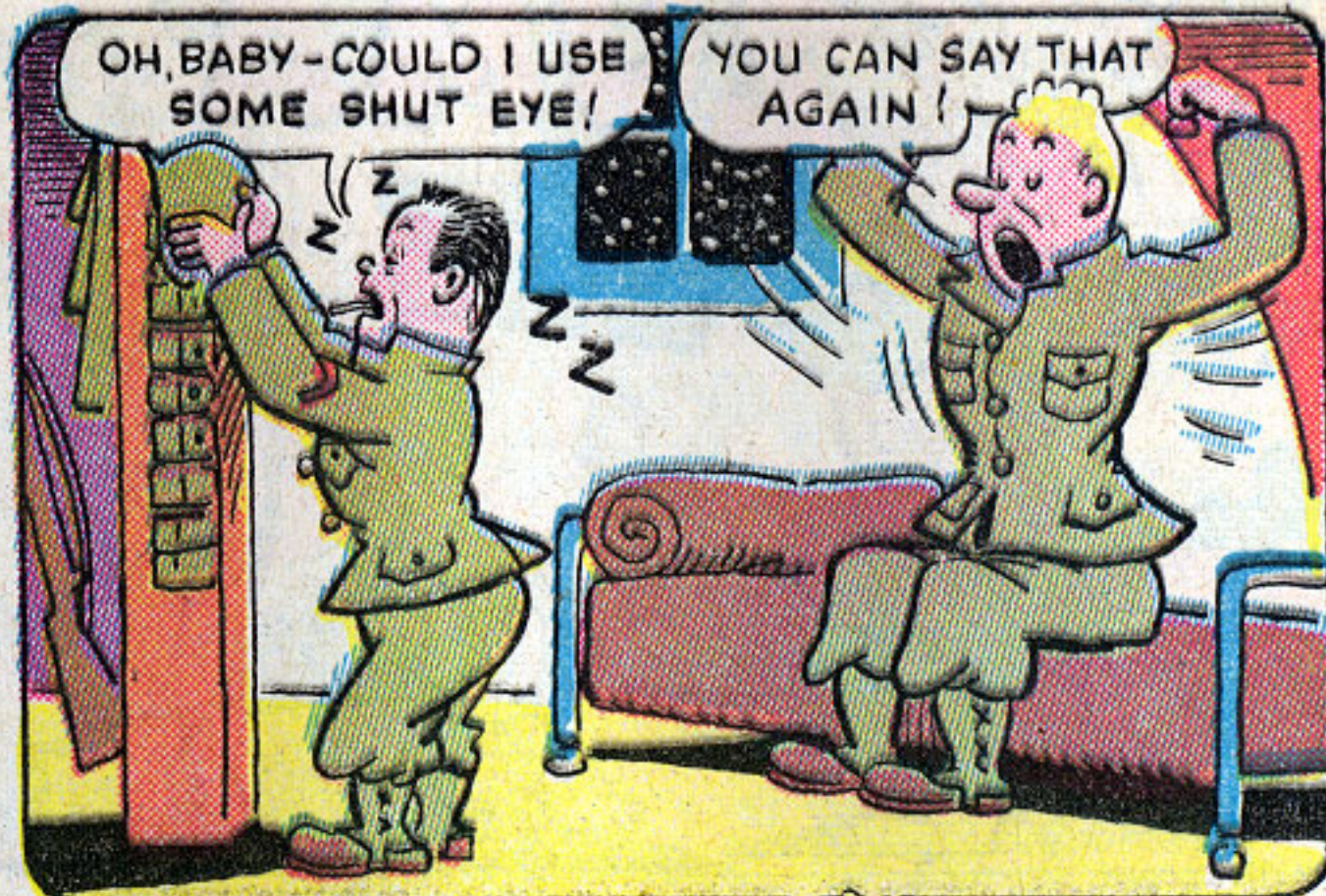
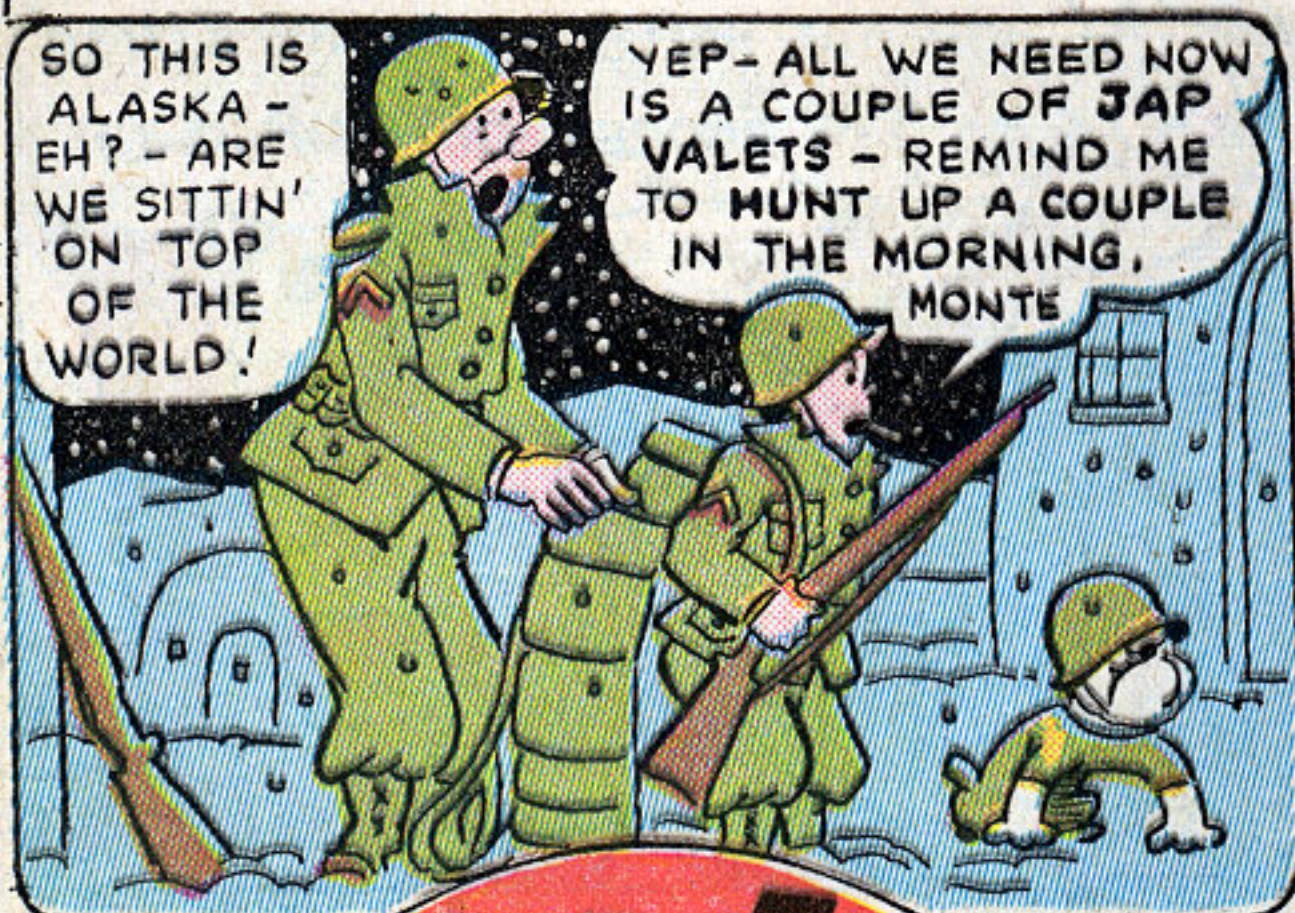
AND SO, NOT LONG AFTERWARDS, BEATEN BY THE FORTITUDE, COURAGE, AND INGENUITY OF THE AMERICANS, THE SERAPIS SURRENDERED!

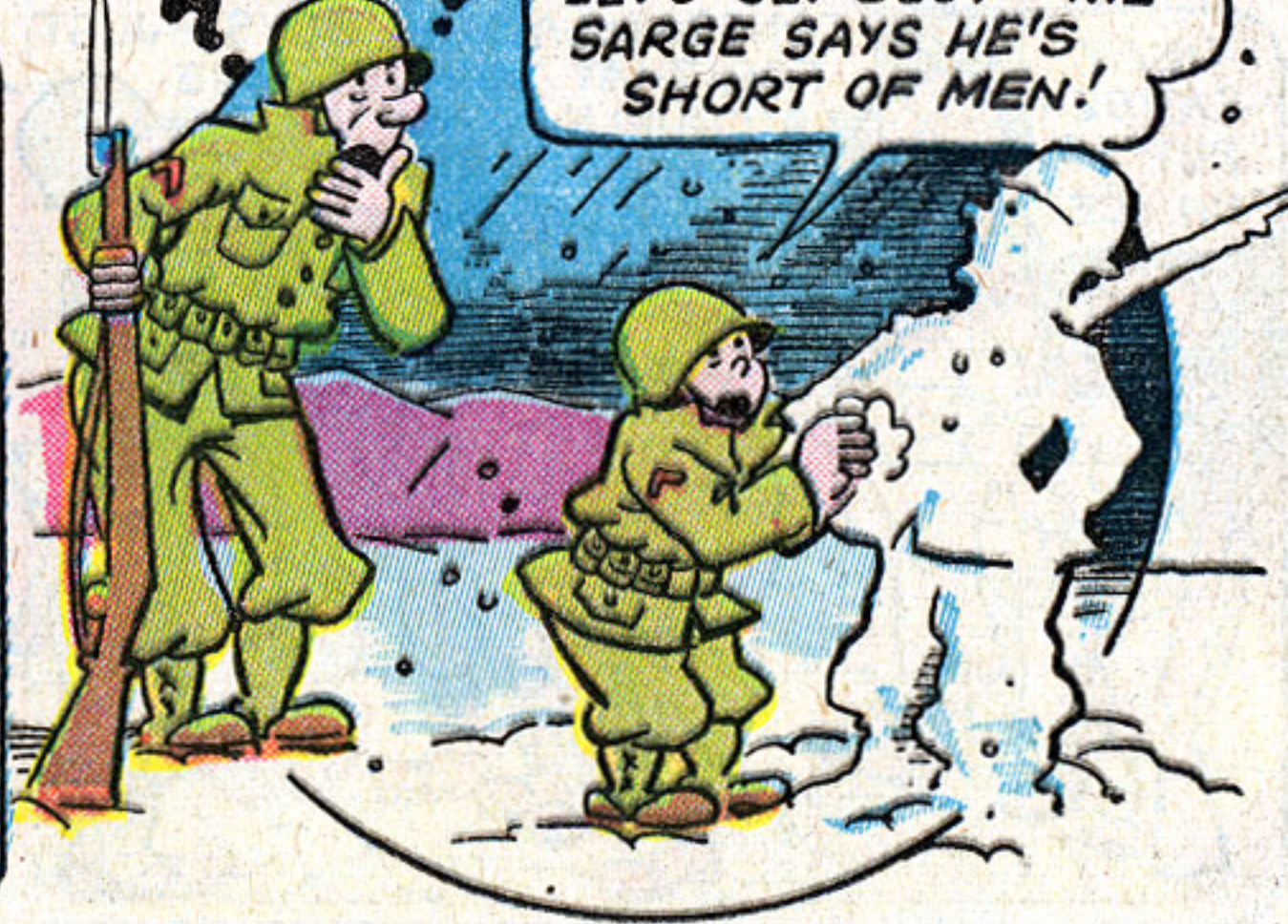
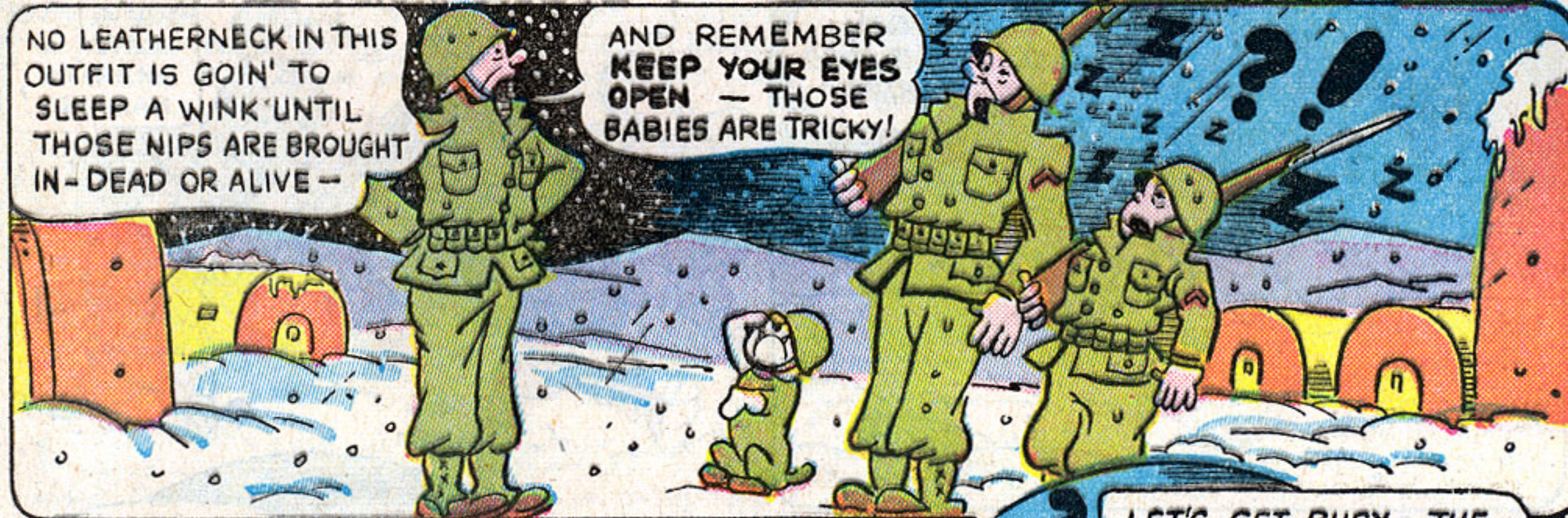
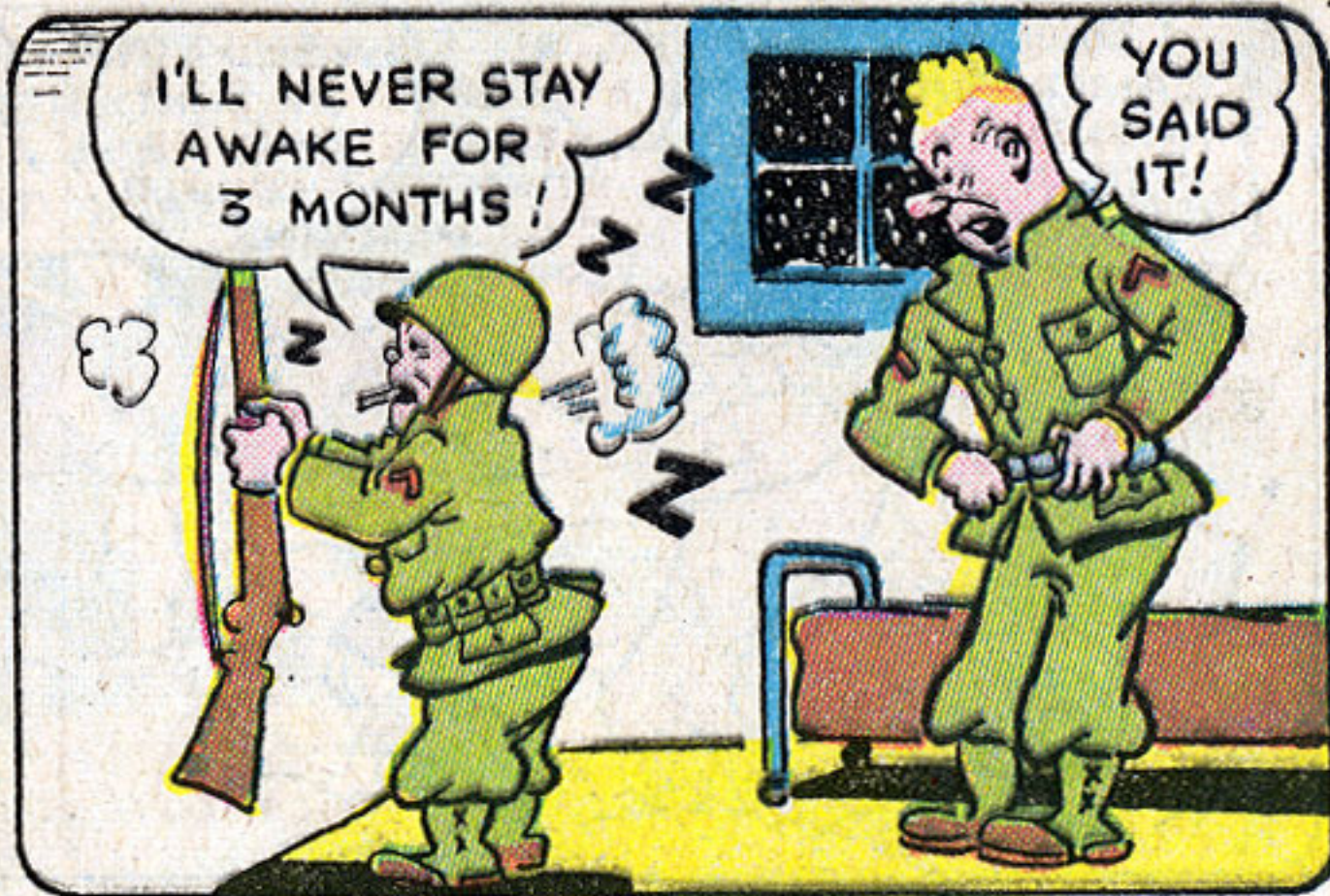
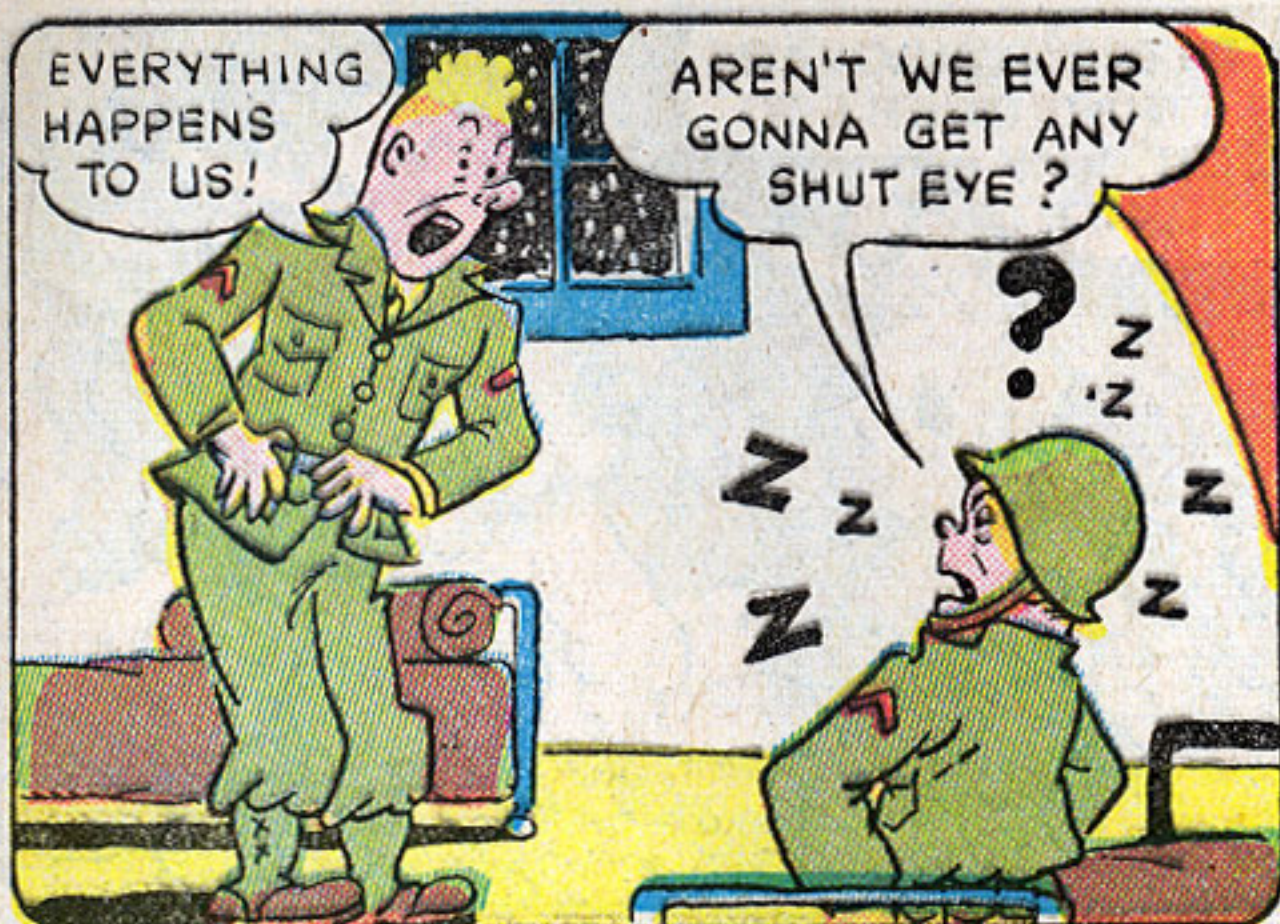


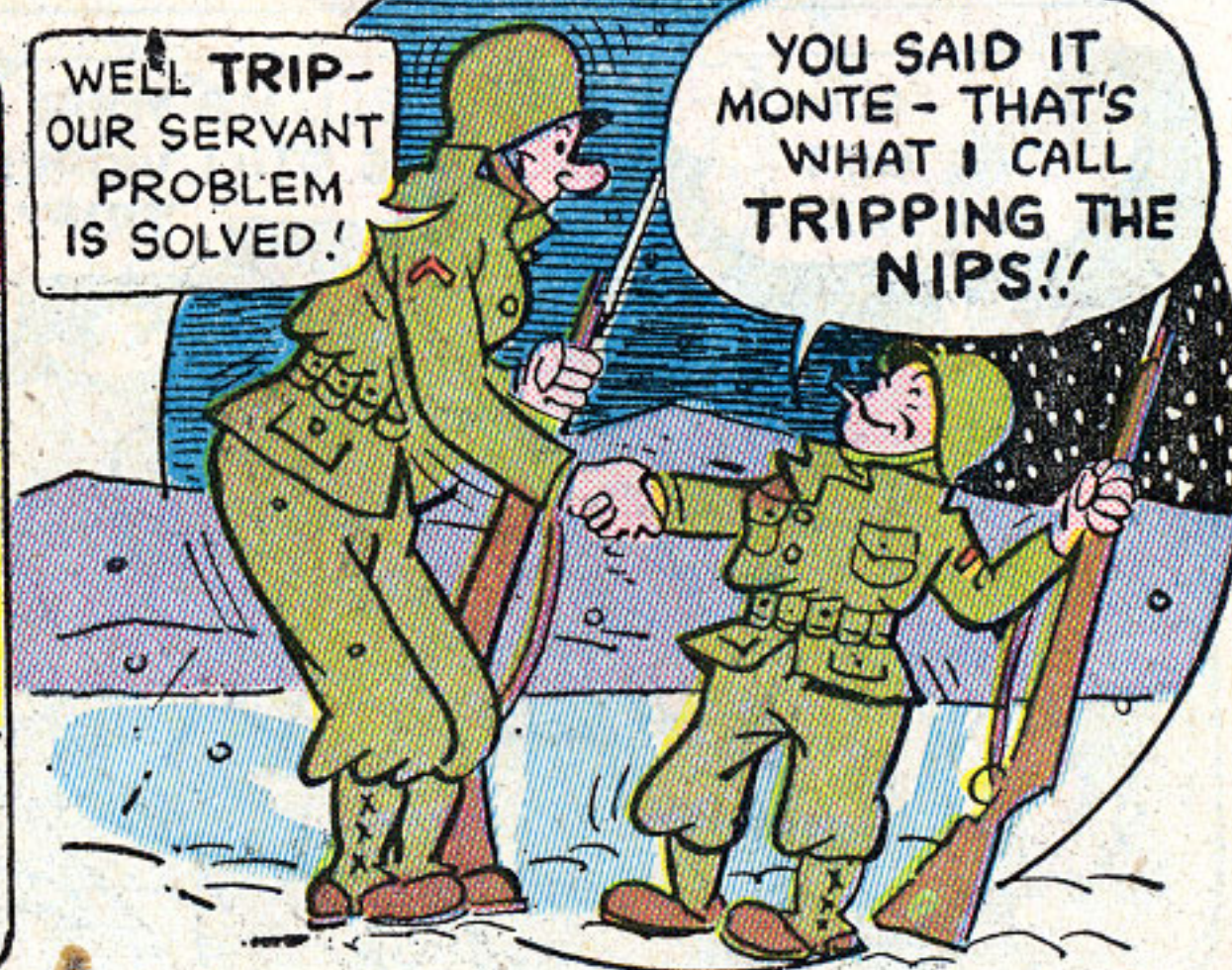
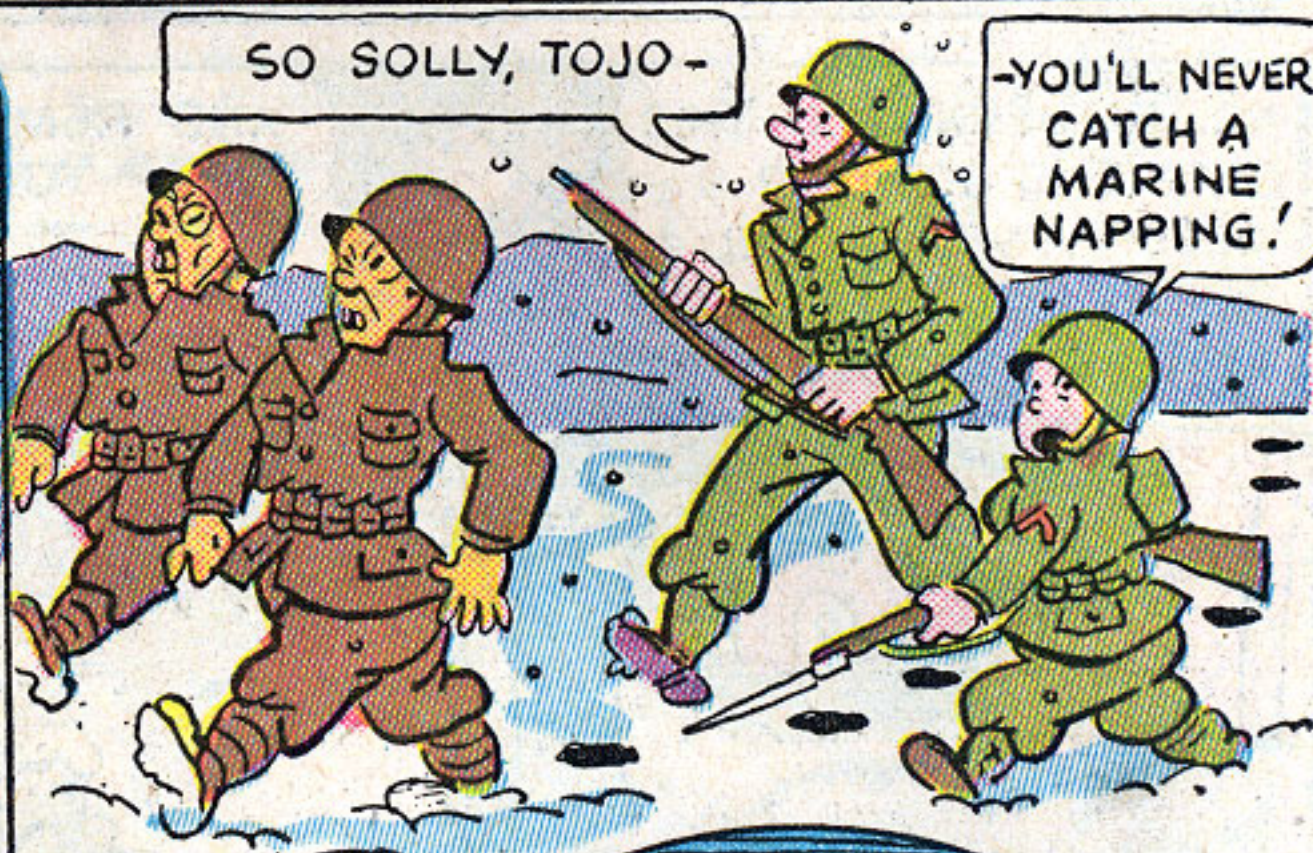
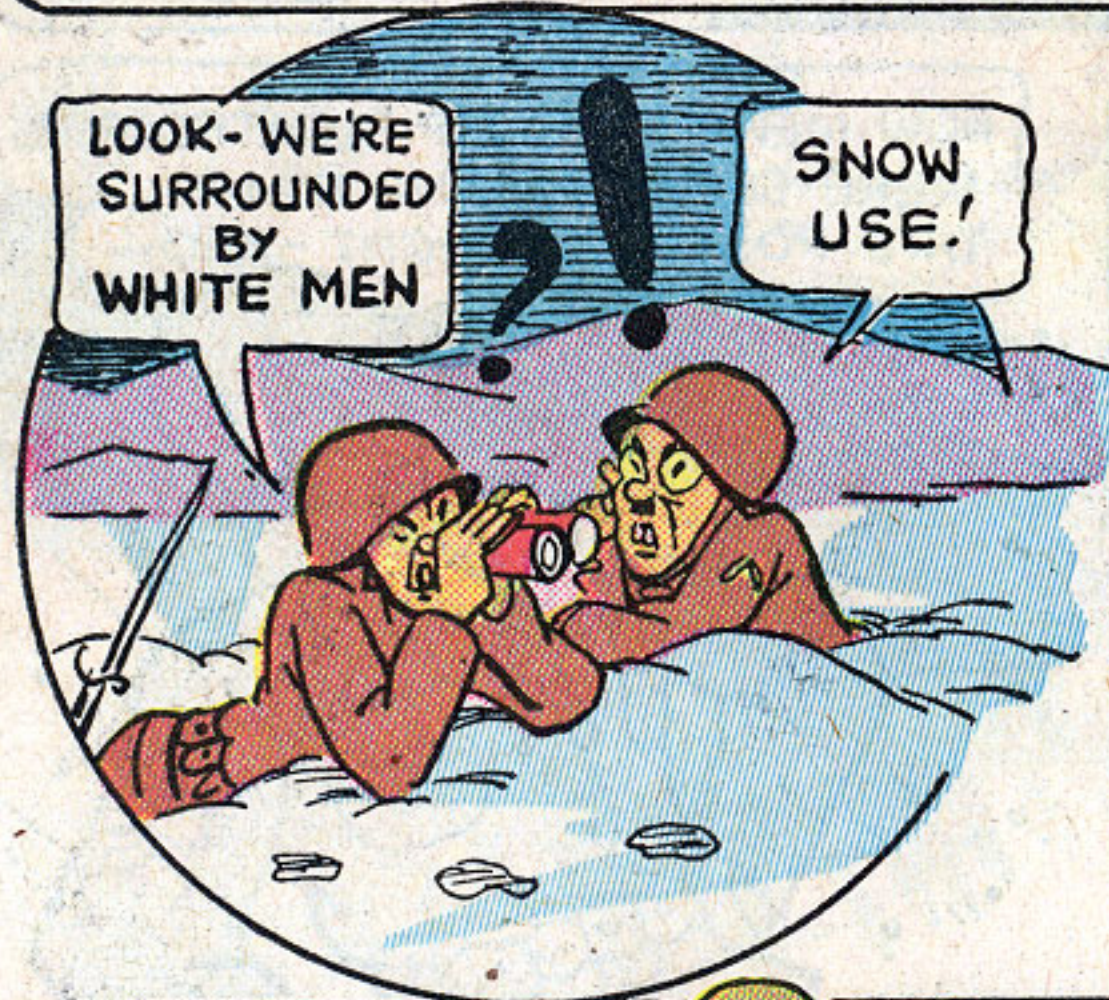
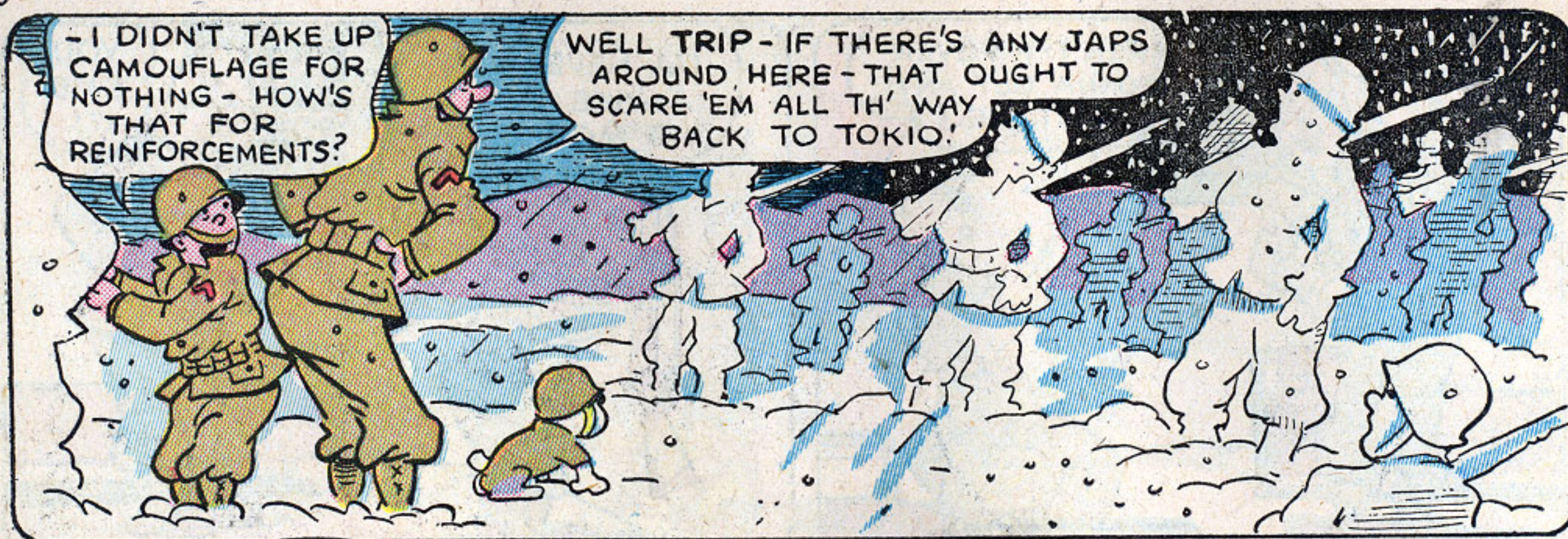
P.S. REMEMBER THE ENTERPRISE, ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN? WELL IN NOVEMBER 1942, A TRANSPORT ARMADA OF 10,000 JAP SOLDIERS SAILED DOWN TO RETAKE GUADALCANAL FROM THE WEARY, WAR-TENSED MARINES WHO HELD IT. BUT PLANES FROM A PATCHED-UP AMERICAN CARRIER WRECKED THE JAP INVASION FLEET AND SAVED THE LEATHERNECKS FROM WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A BLOODY AND COSTLY ENGAGEMENT. THE CARRIER WAS NAMED... ENTERPRISE!











HELLCAT OUT OF HEAVEN

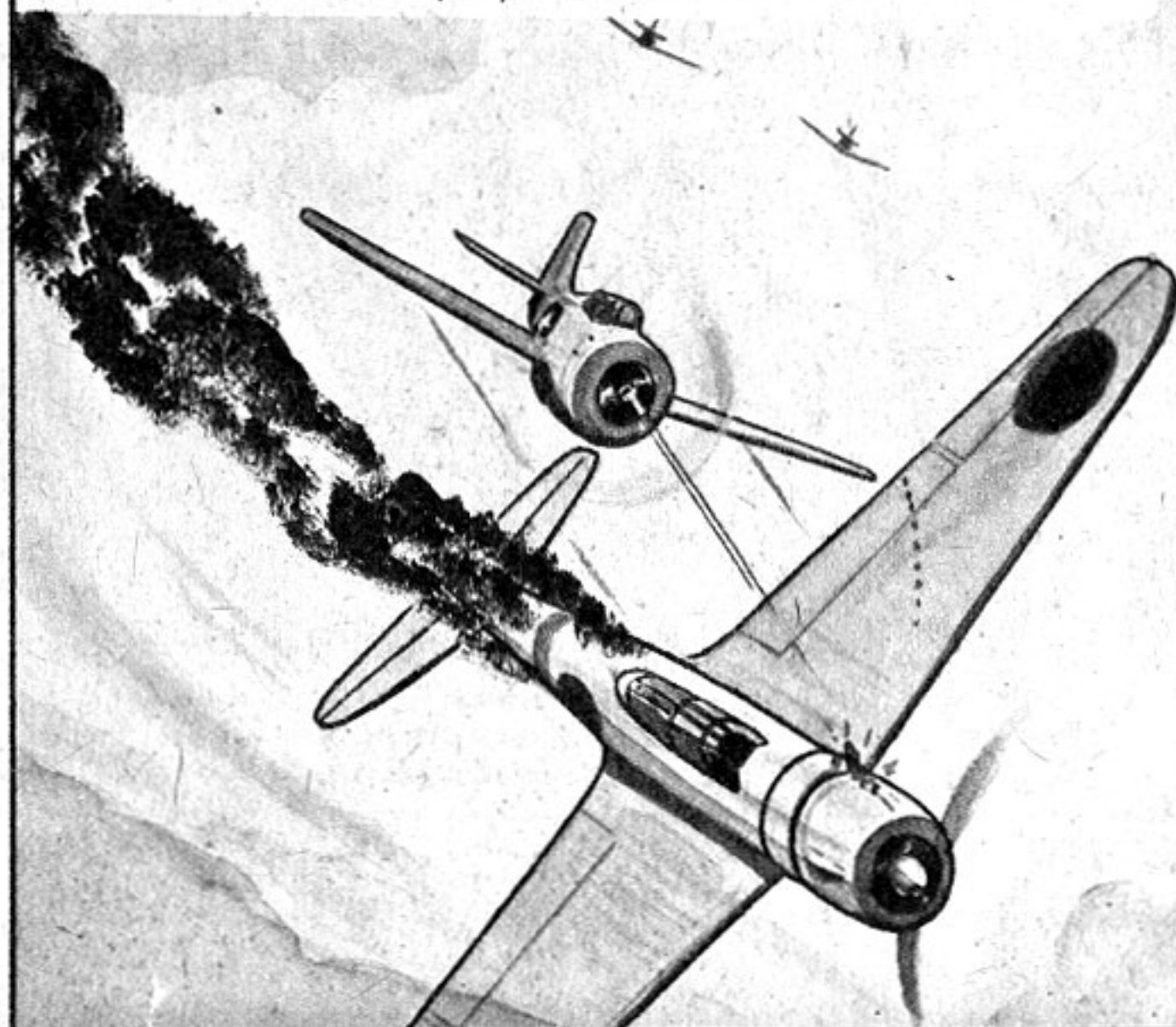


DURING three and a half months at Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, Major Joseph J. Foss, USMC flight leader, shot down 26 Japanese planes—a record for World War II. His first three times over the bloody island, he did not see a Jap. The fourth time was different

1 Captain Foss grinned. The boys of his flying circus waved wildly as they passed in sudden bursts of speed. They were overjoyed, he thought, at seeing the Japanese bombers then reported storming towards Guadalcanal. He waved back happily.



2 The next instant bullets chopped through the cockpit. A Zero whipped past. **The boys had been trying to warn him!** Captain Foss pressed the firing button, and the Jap spun away in flames. But three more Zeros had already jumped him. . . .

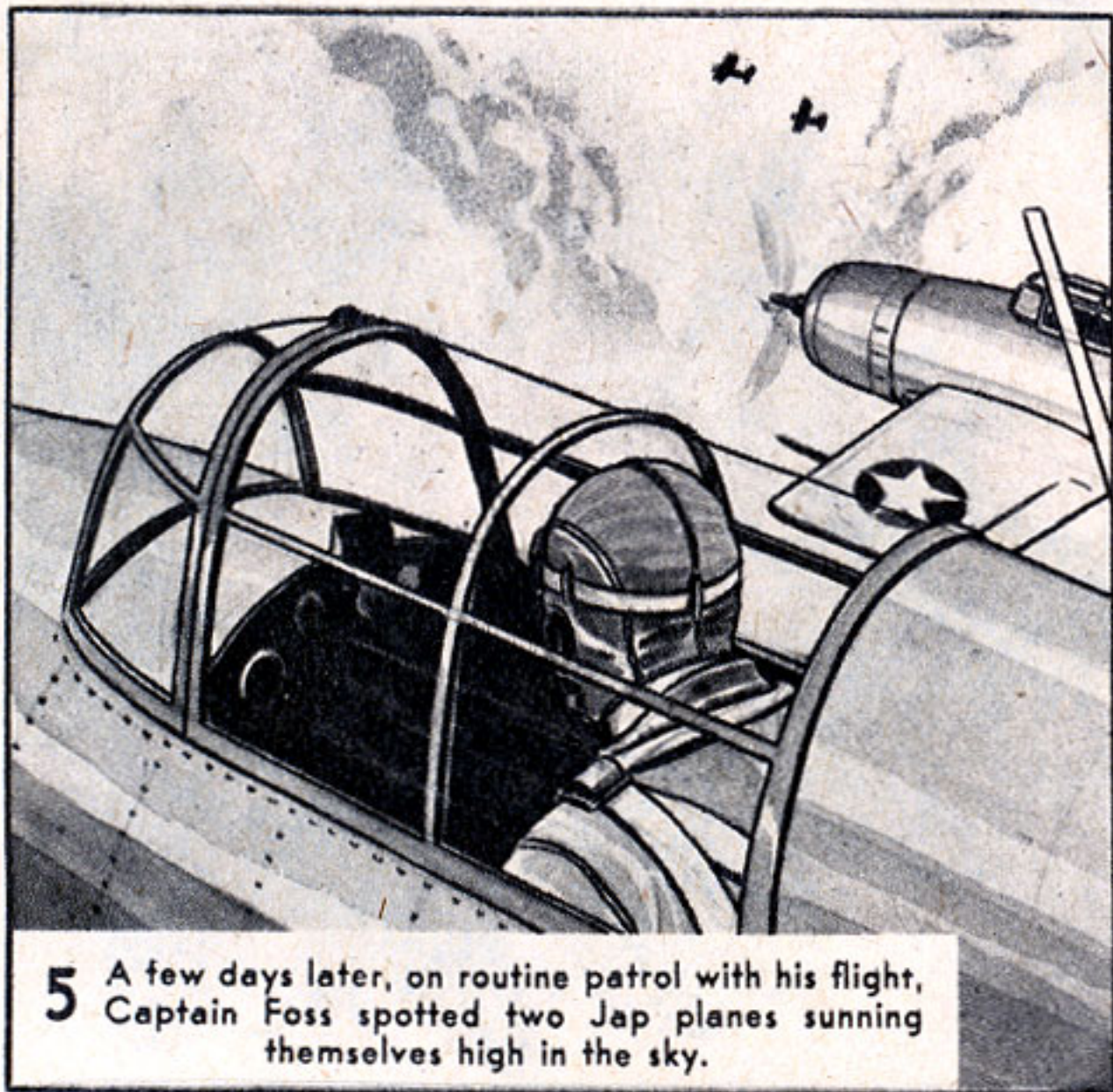




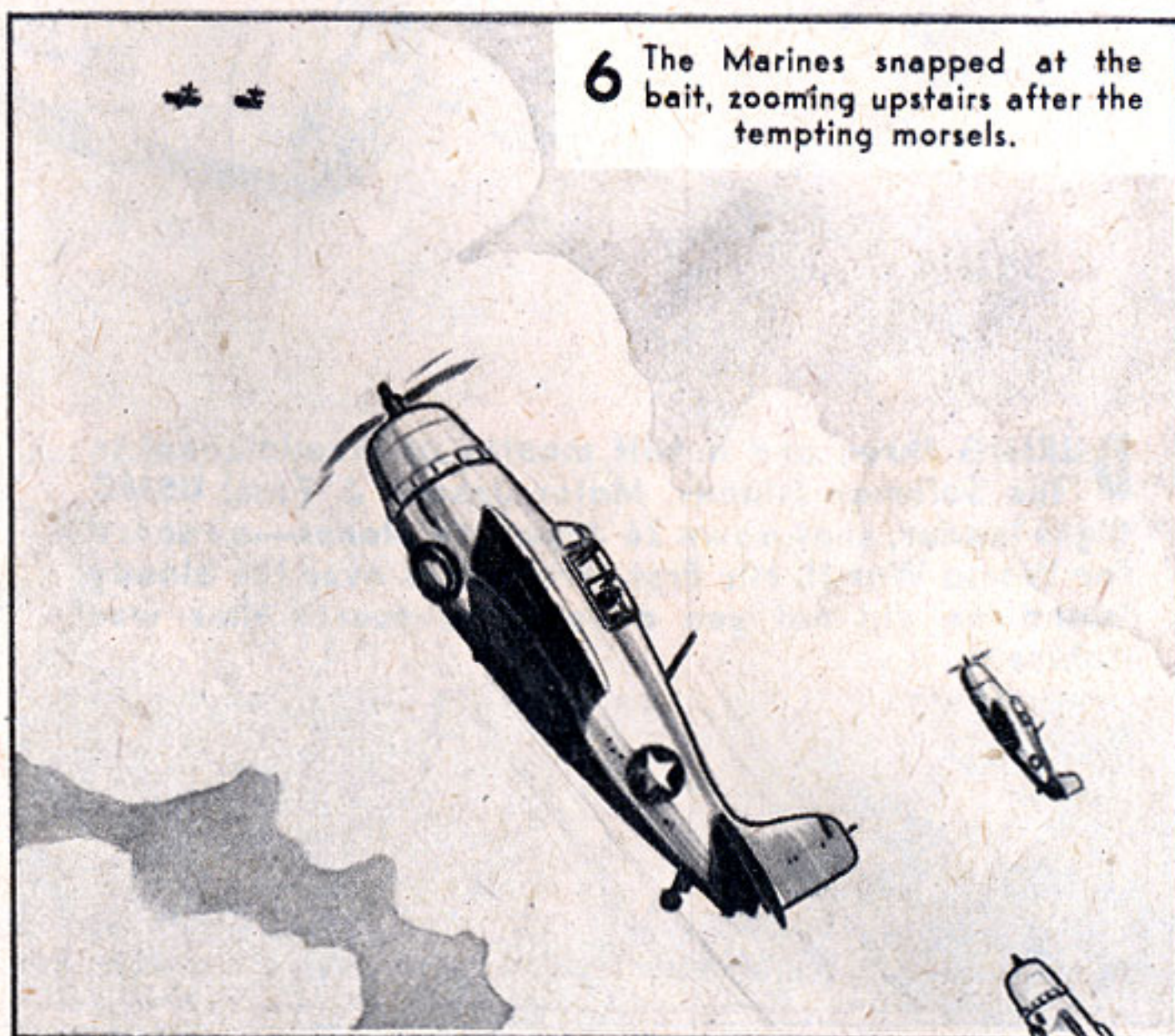
3 Bullets chewed up the armor of his Grumman Wildcat—only his amazing flying skill saved him as the Zeros chased him back to Henderson Field.



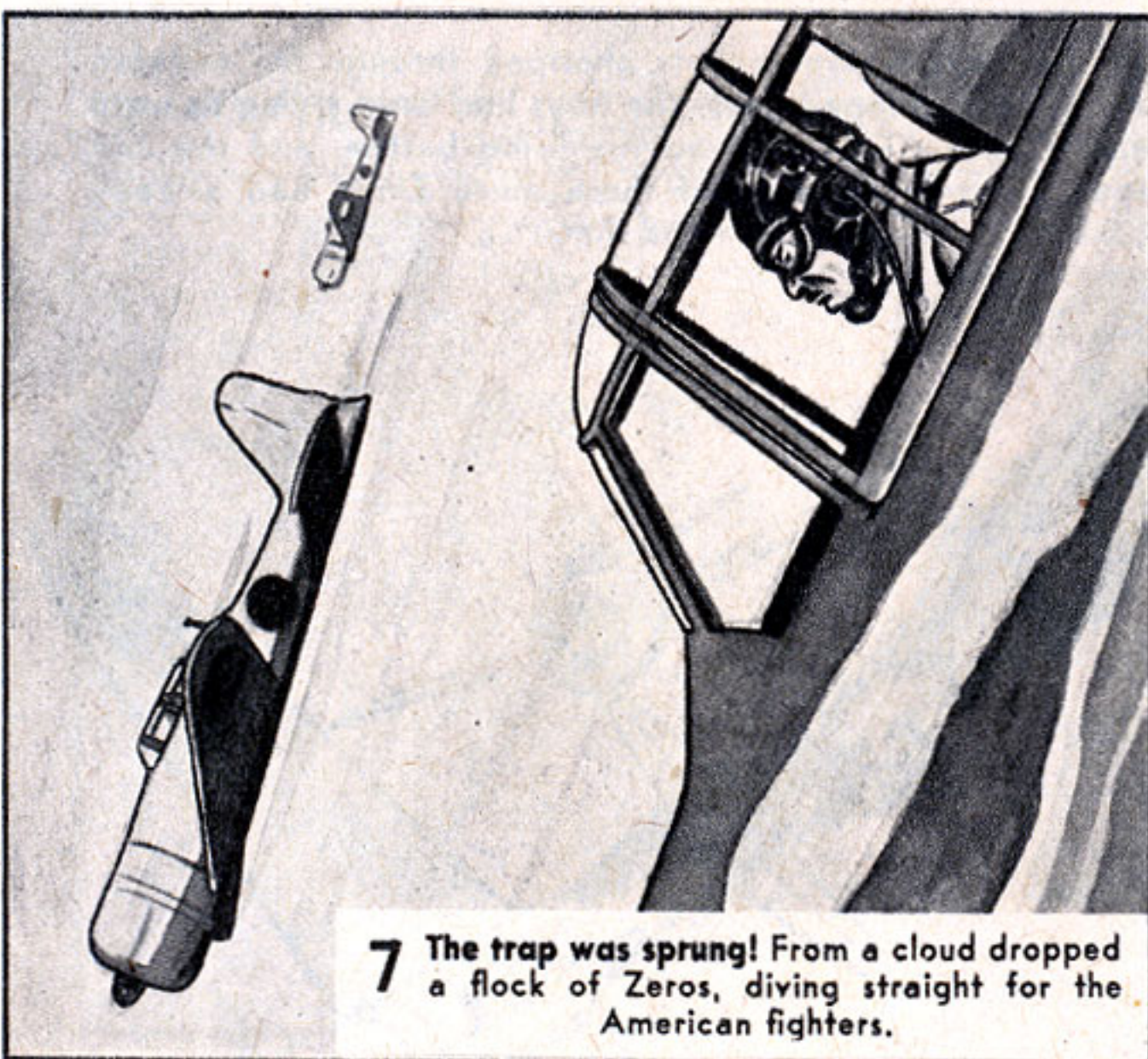
4 An ambulance hastily bumped across the landing strip. . . . Captain Foss climbed out of the riddled Wildcat—unhurt!—and shook an angry fist after the Zeros.



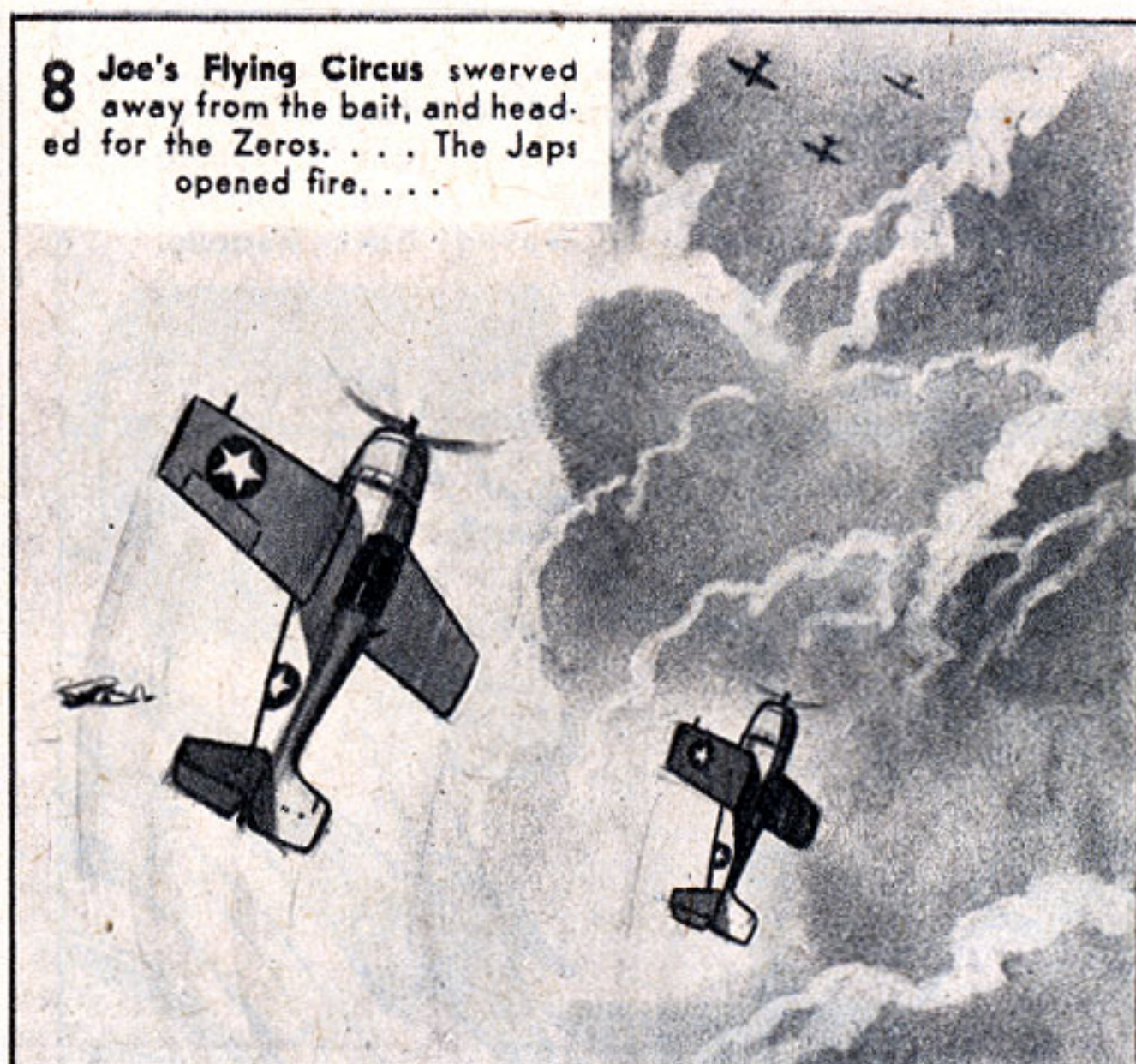
5 A few days later, on routine patrol with his flight, Captain Foss spotted two Jap planes sunning themselves high in the sky.



6 The Marines snapped at the bait, zooming upstairs after the tempting morsels.

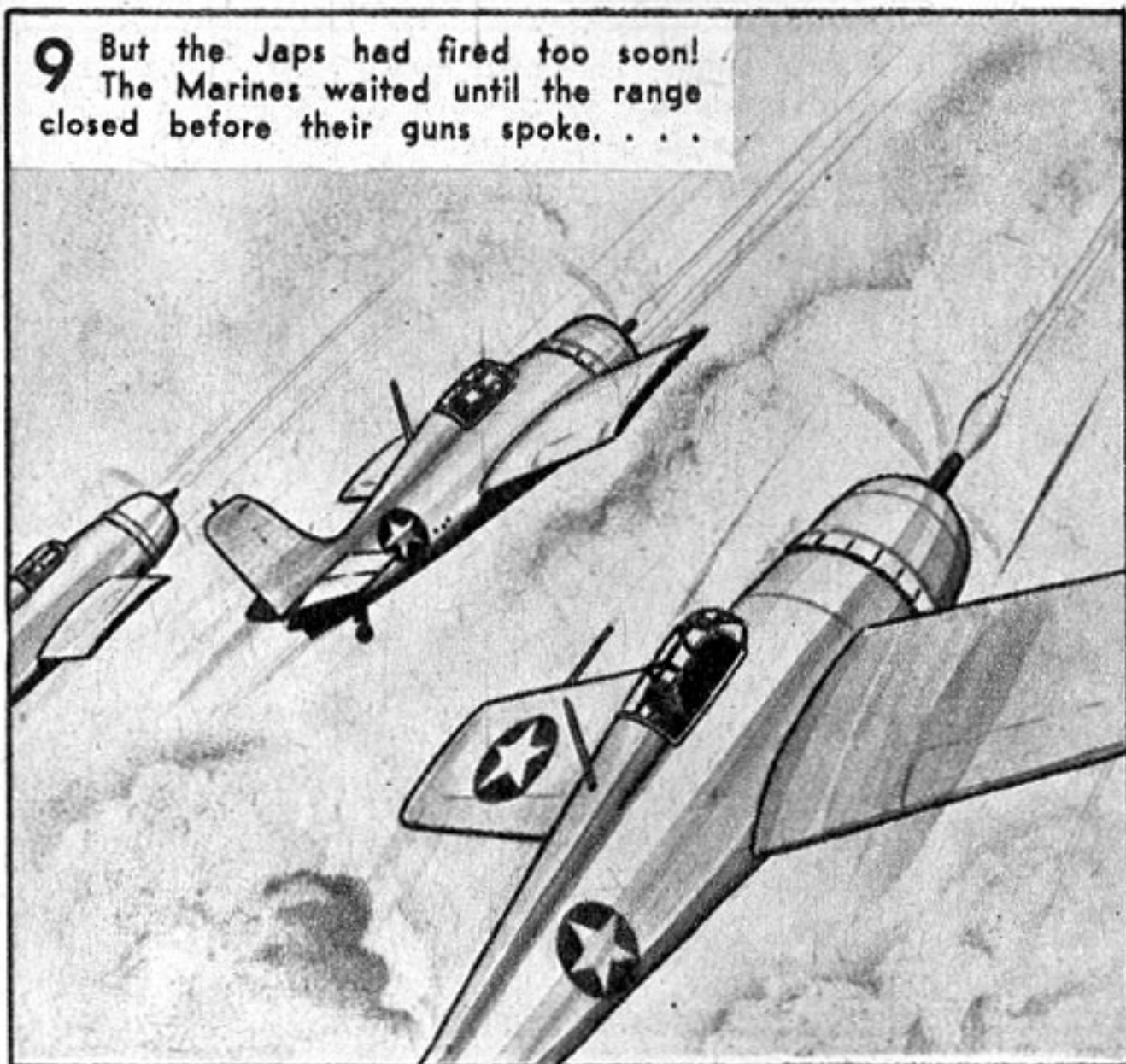


7 The trap was sprung! From a cloud dropped a flock of Zeros, diving straight for the American fighters.

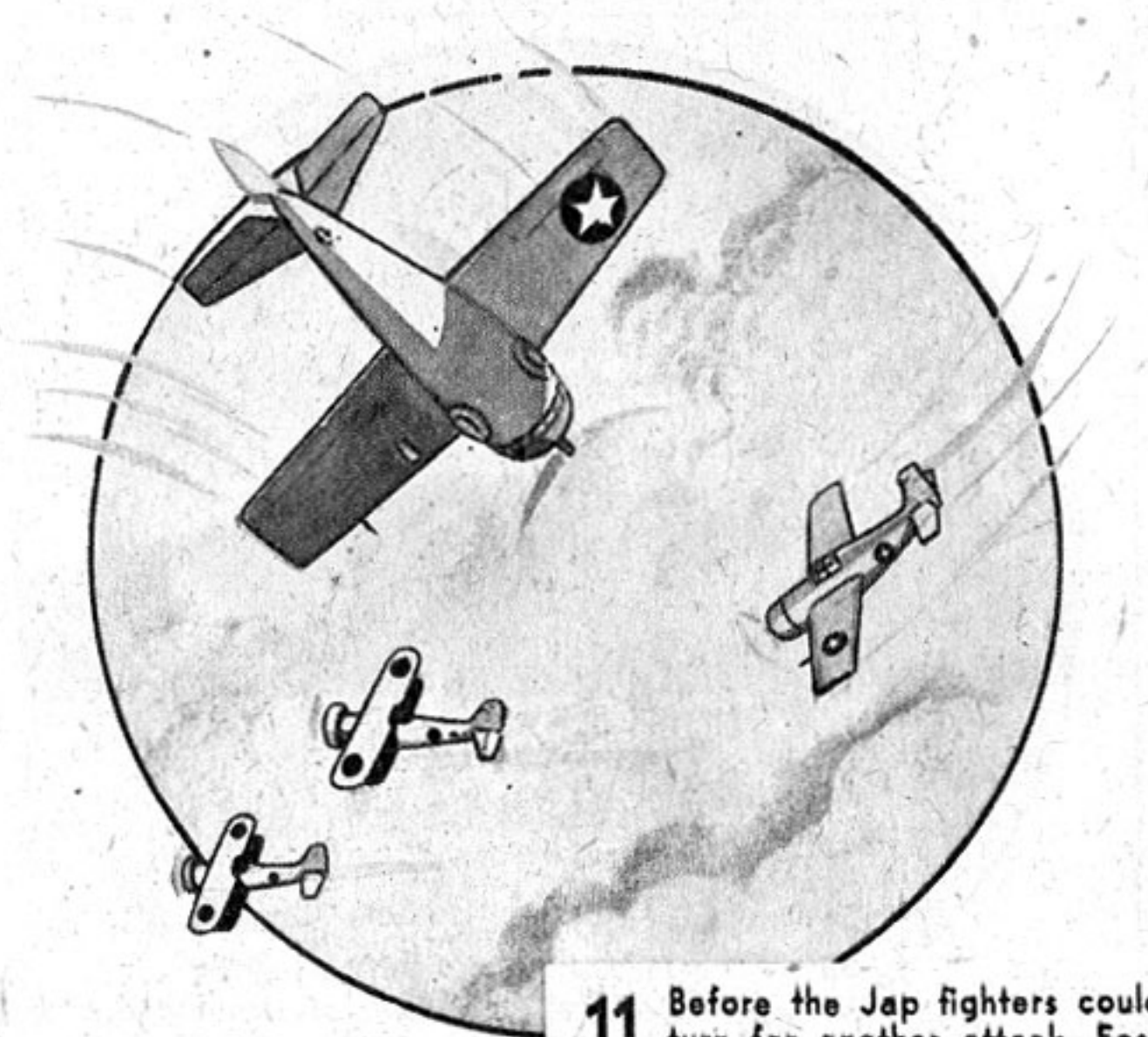
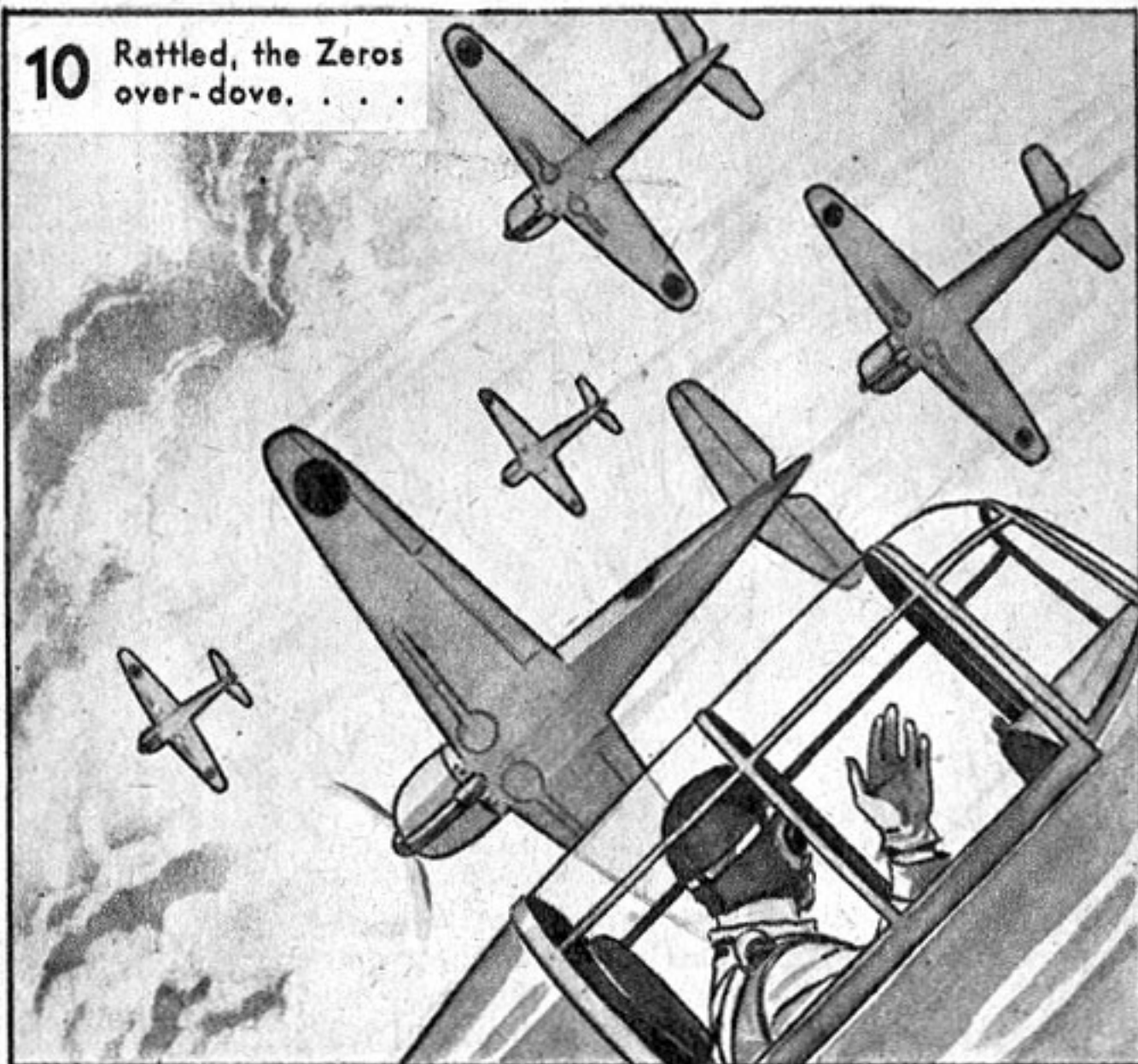


8 Joe's Flying Circus swerved away from the bait, and headed for the Zeros. . . . The Japs opened fire. . . .

9 But the Japs had fired too soon! The Marines waited until the range closed before their guns spoke. . . .



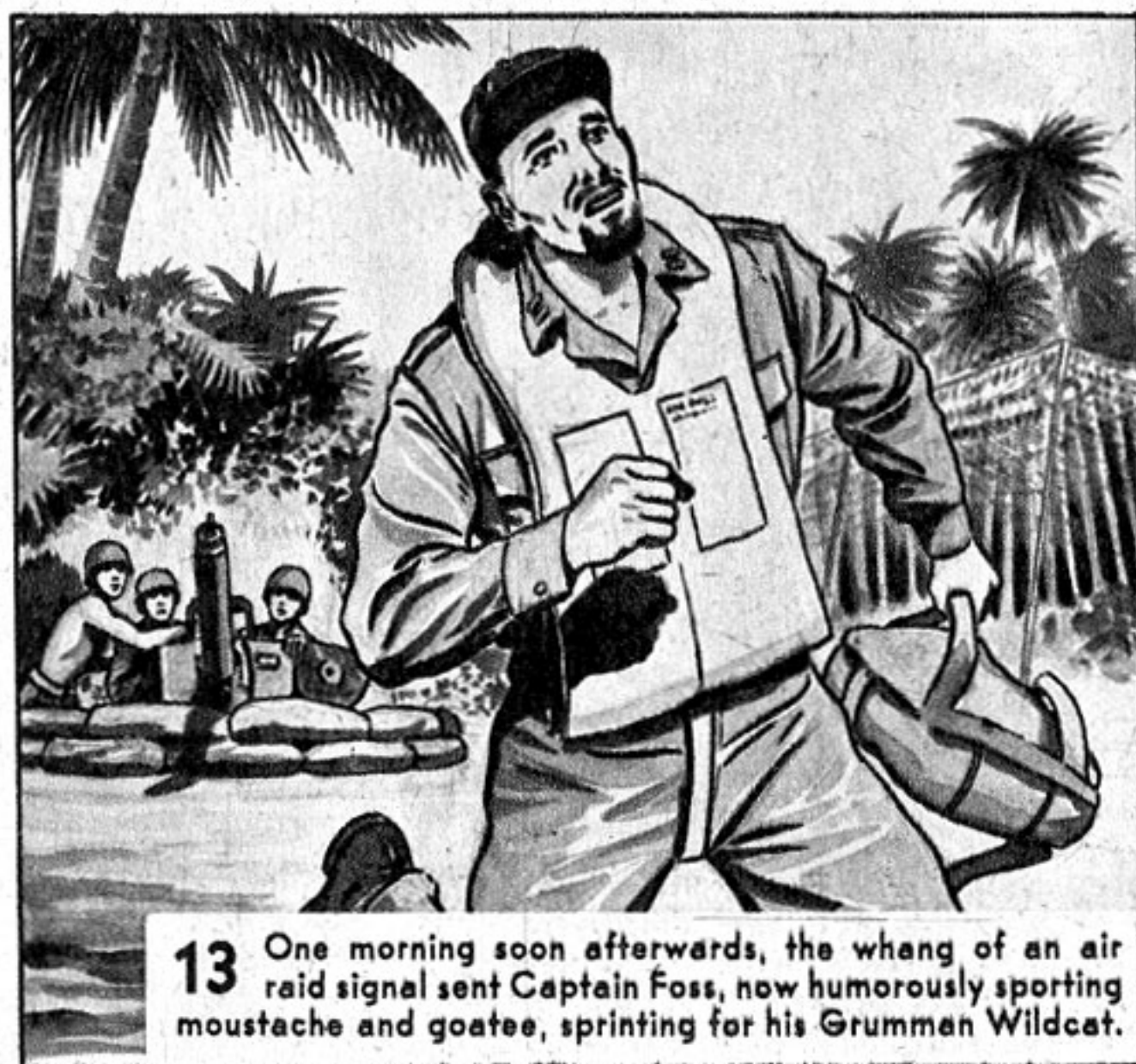
10 Rattled, the Zeros over-dove. . . .



11 Before the Jap fighters could turn for another attack, Foss and his boys wheeled upon the bait.

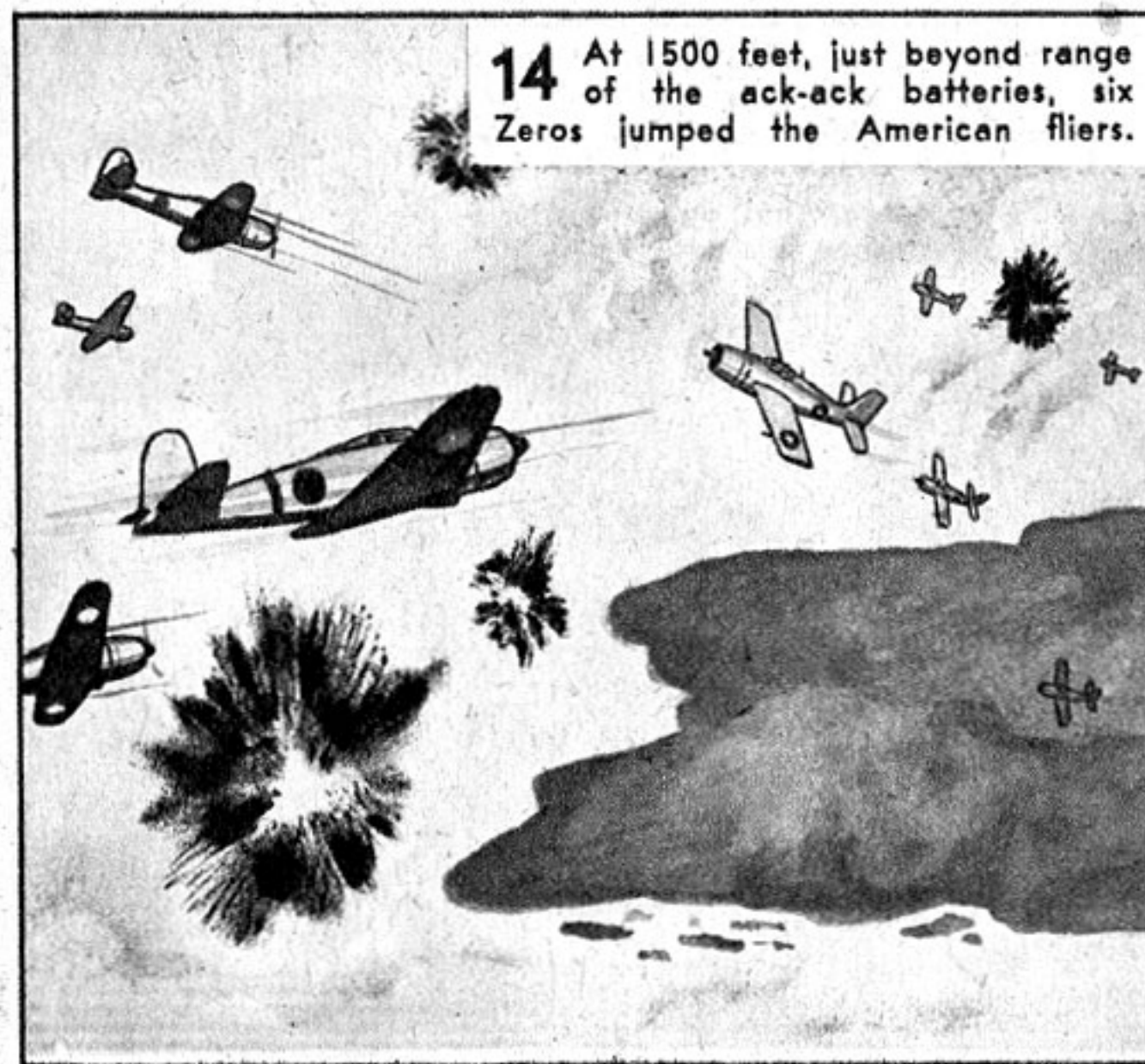


12 And the two Japs dropped flaming in to the Pacific Ocean.



13 One morning soon afterwards, the whang of an air raid signal sent Captain Foss, now humorously sporting moustache and goatee, sprinting for his Grumman Wildcat.

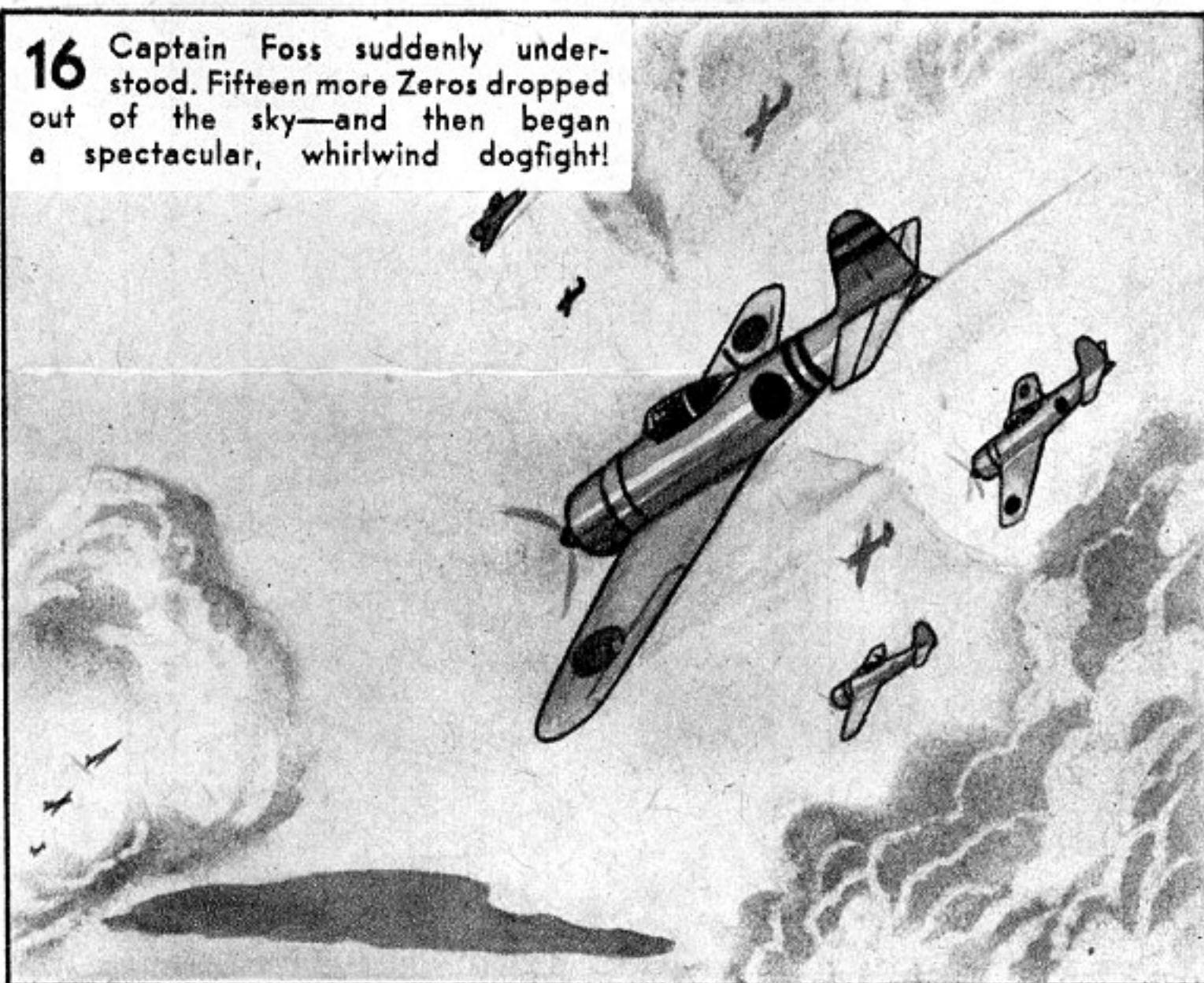
14 At 1500 feet, just beyond range of the ack-ack batteries, six Zeros jumped the American fliers.



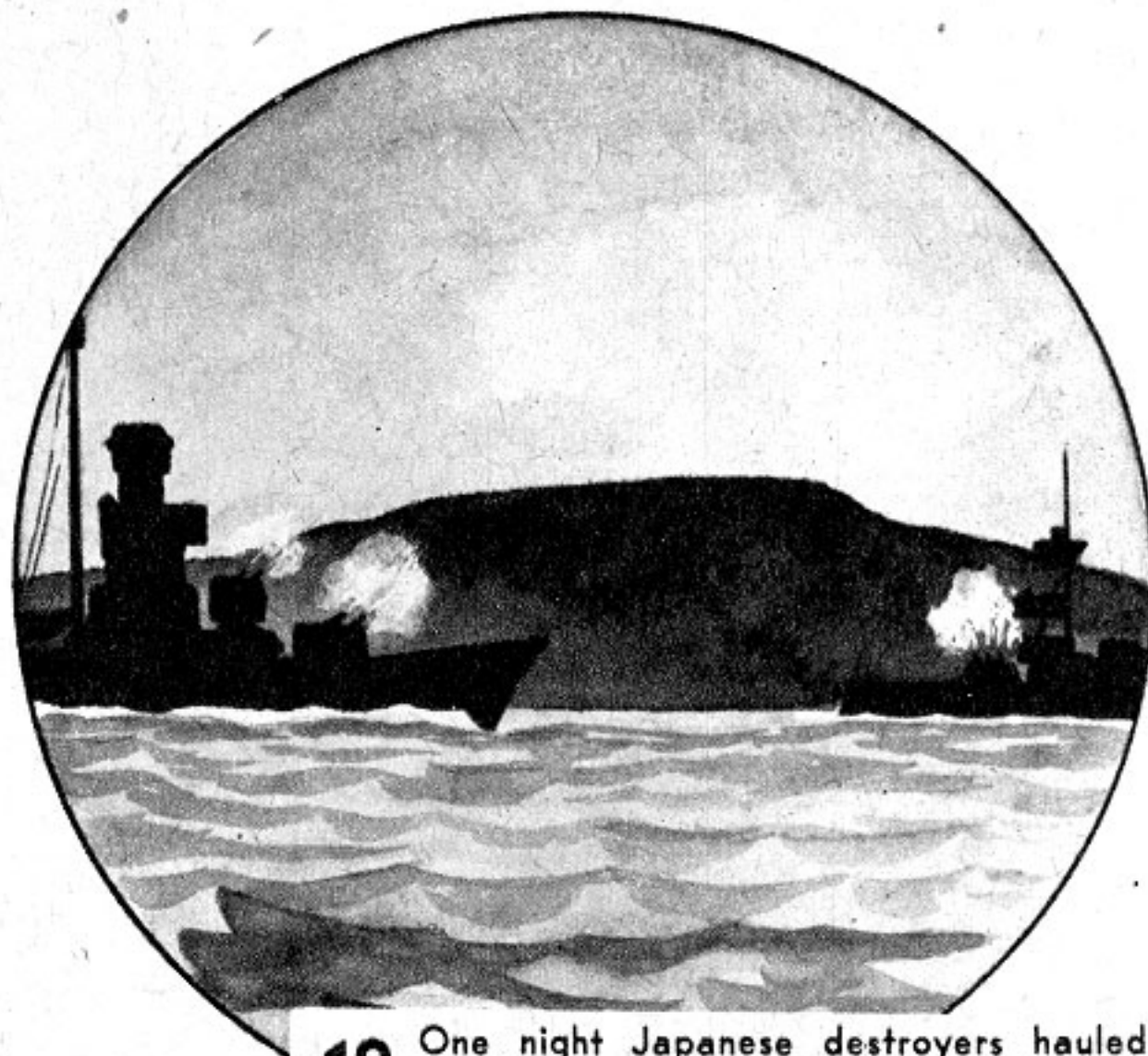
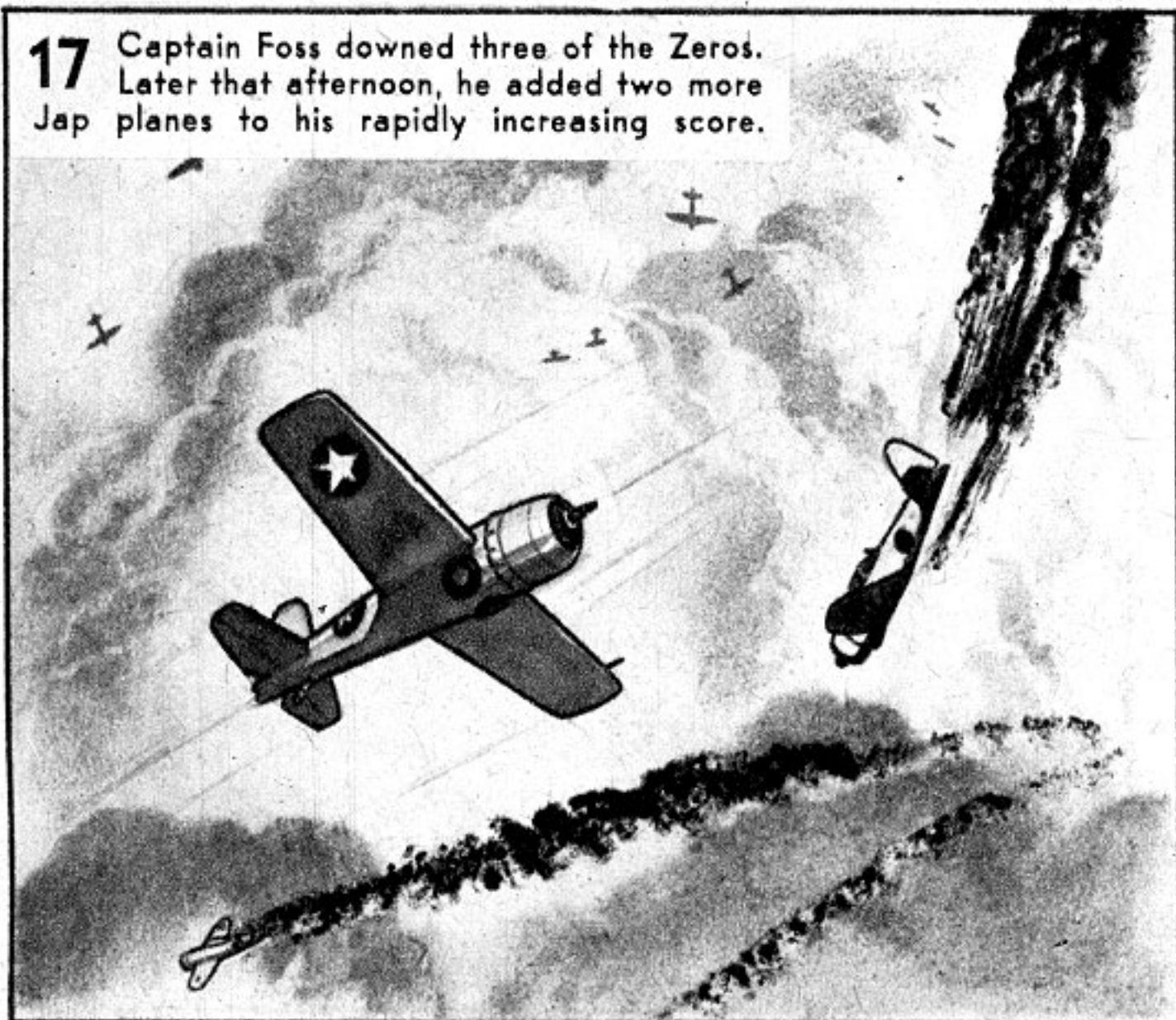


15 Seesawing for altitude, Captain Foss marveled at the unexpected courage of the Nipponese pilots. . . . Six Zeros against five Wildcats—and the Zeros weren't running away! . . . **Something fishy.**

16 Captain Foss suddenly understood. Fifteen more Zeros dropped out of the sky—and then began a spectacular, whirlwind dogfight!

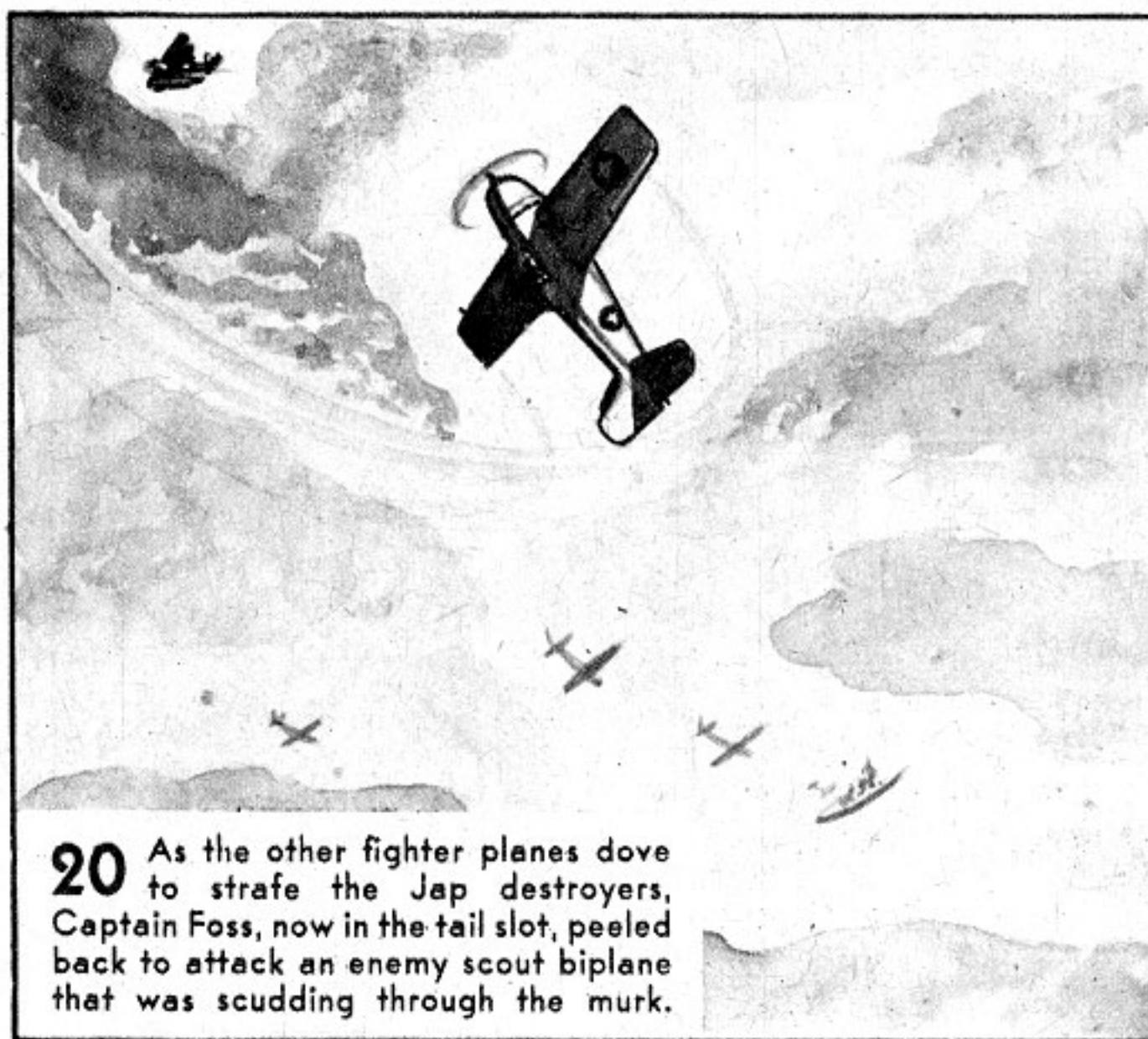
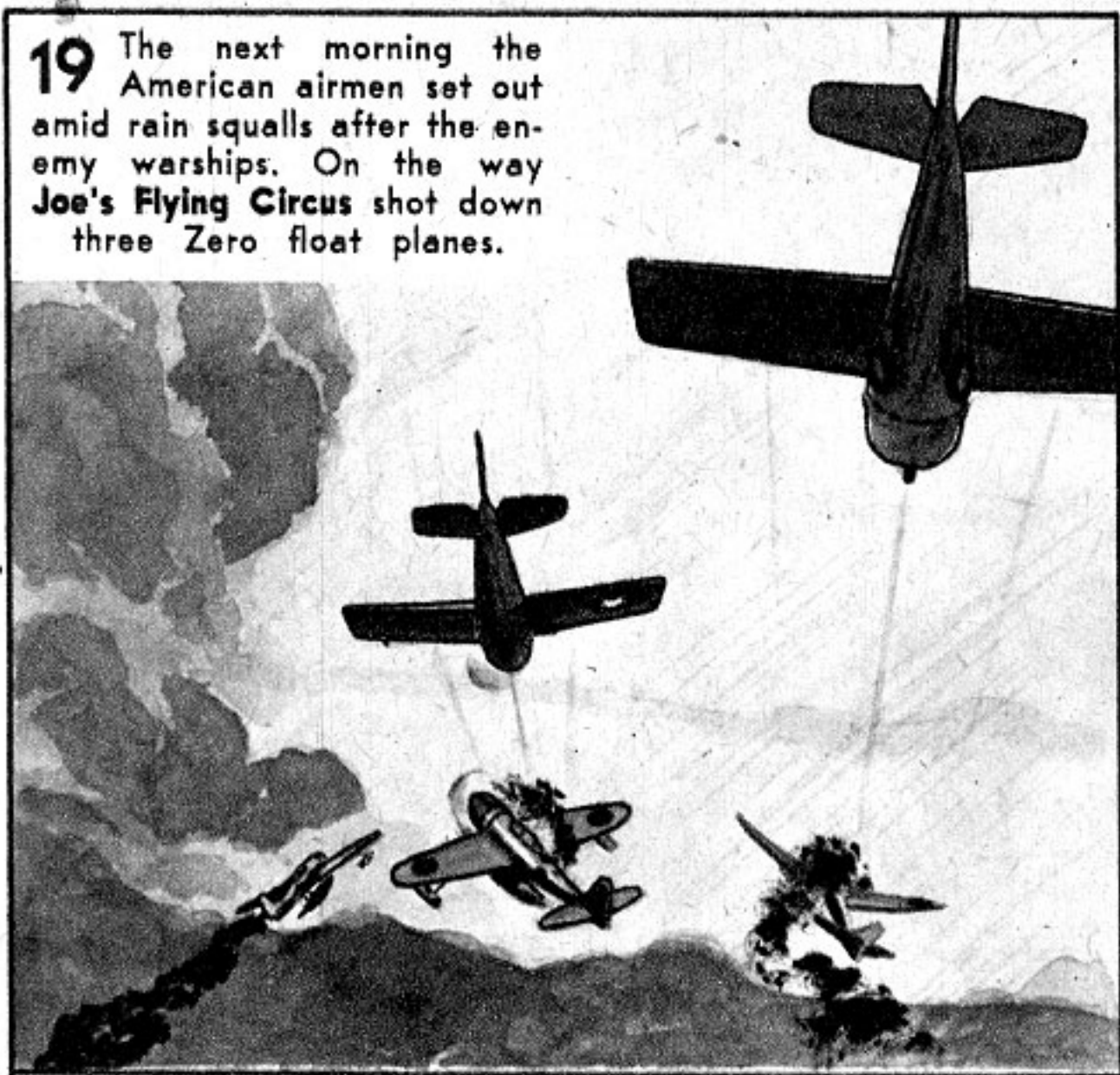


17 Captain Foss downed three of the Zeros. Later that afternoon, he added two more Jap planes to his rapidly increasing score.



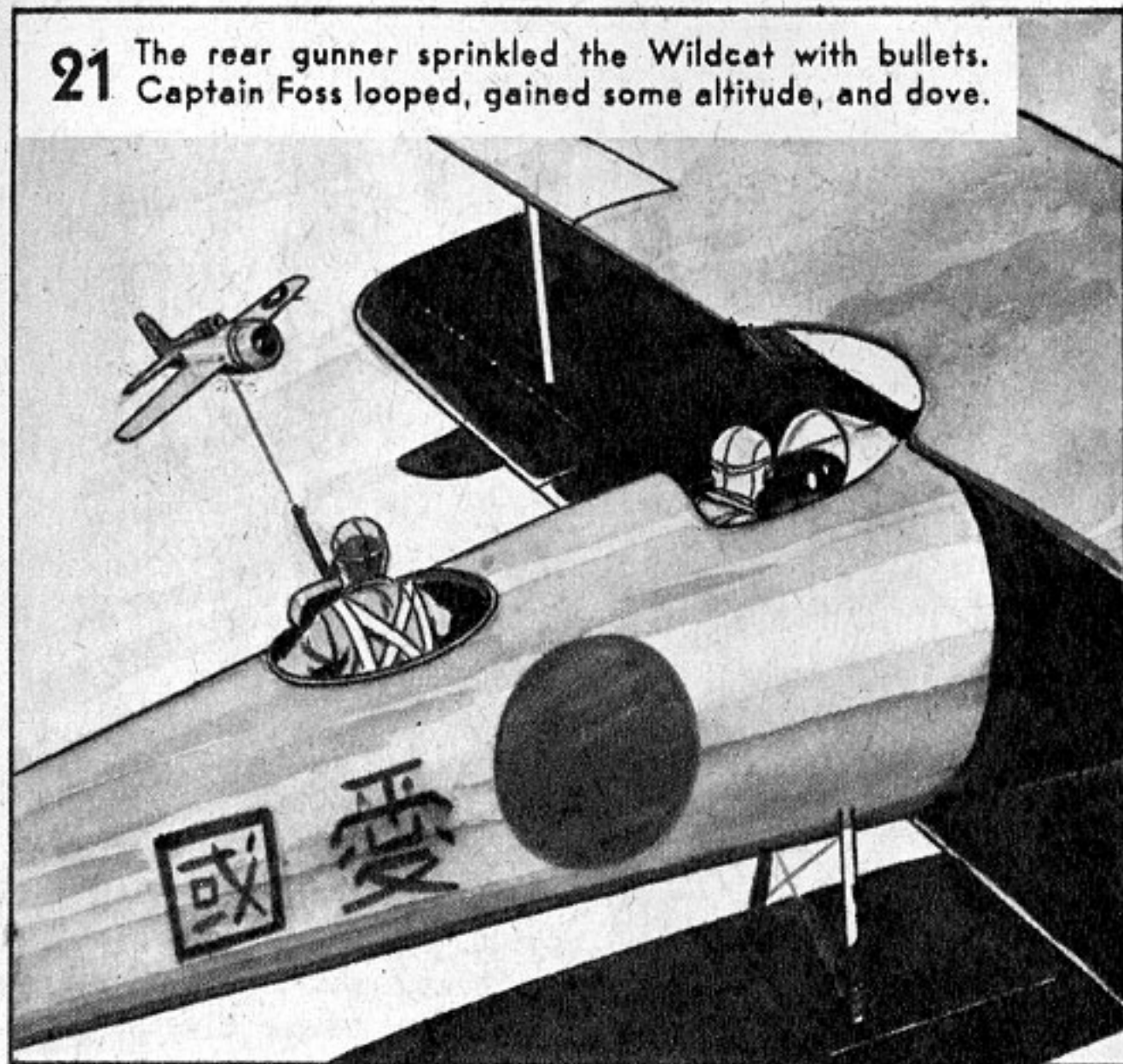
18 One night Japanese destroyers hauled close to Guadalcanal and pommelled the American land forces with heavy shell fire.

19 The next morning the American airmen set out amid rain squalls after the enemy warships. On the way **Joe's Flying Circus** shot down three Zero float planes.

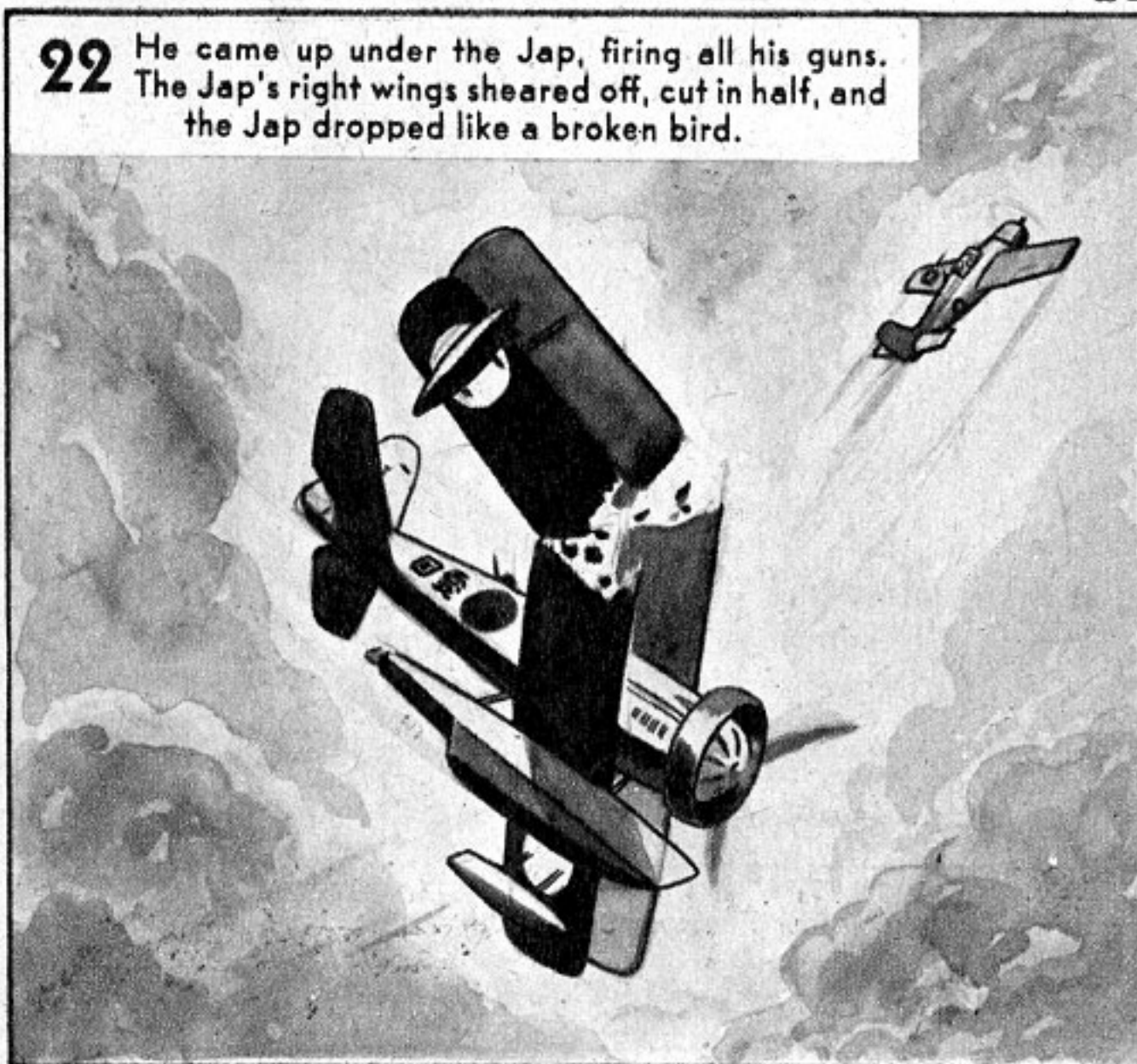


20 As the other fighter planes dove to strafe the Jap destroyers, Captain Foss, now in the tail slot, peeled back to attack an enemy scout biplane that was scudding through the murk.

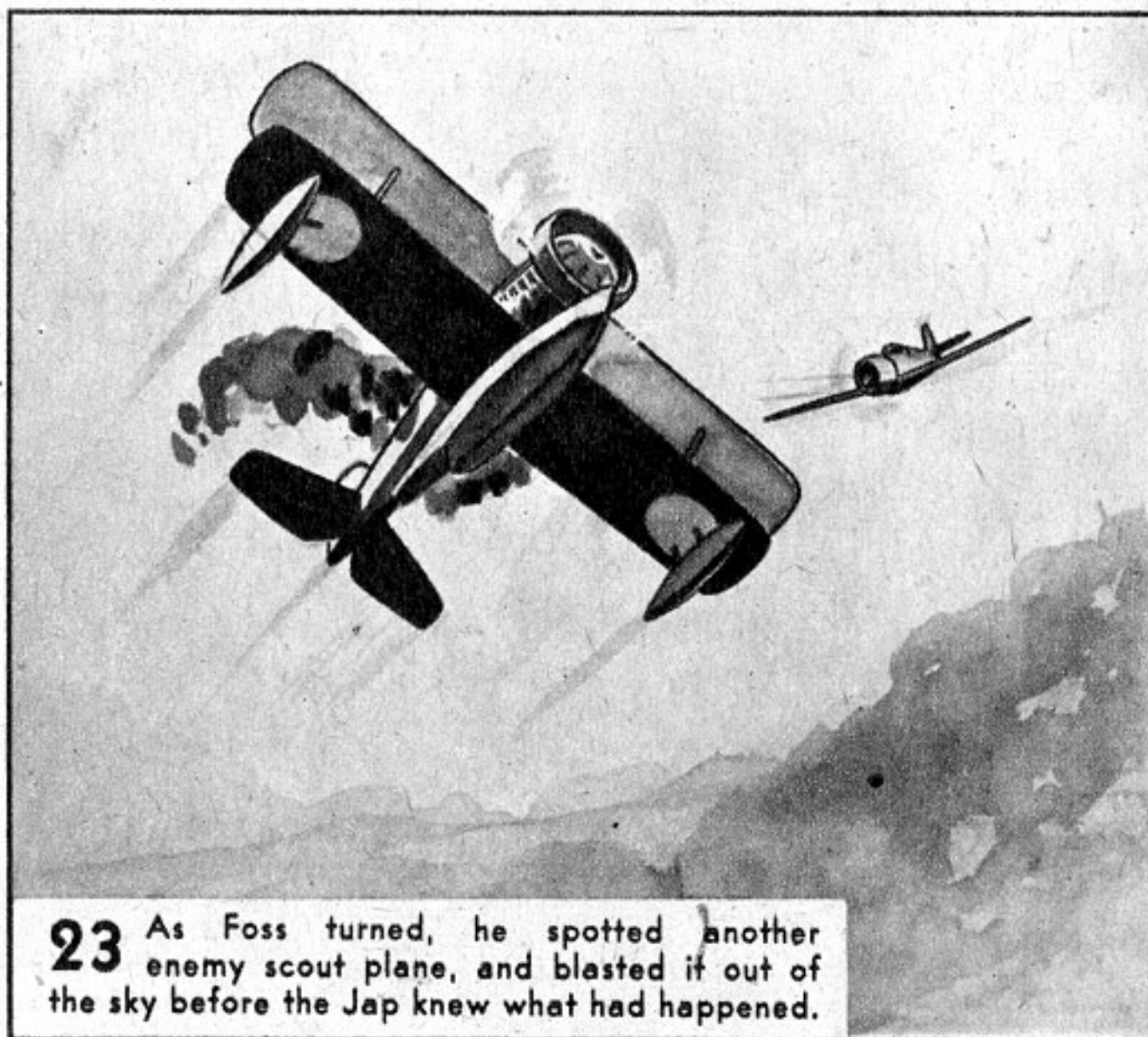
21 The rear gunner sprinkled the Wildcat with bullets. Captain Foss looped, gained some altitude, and dove.



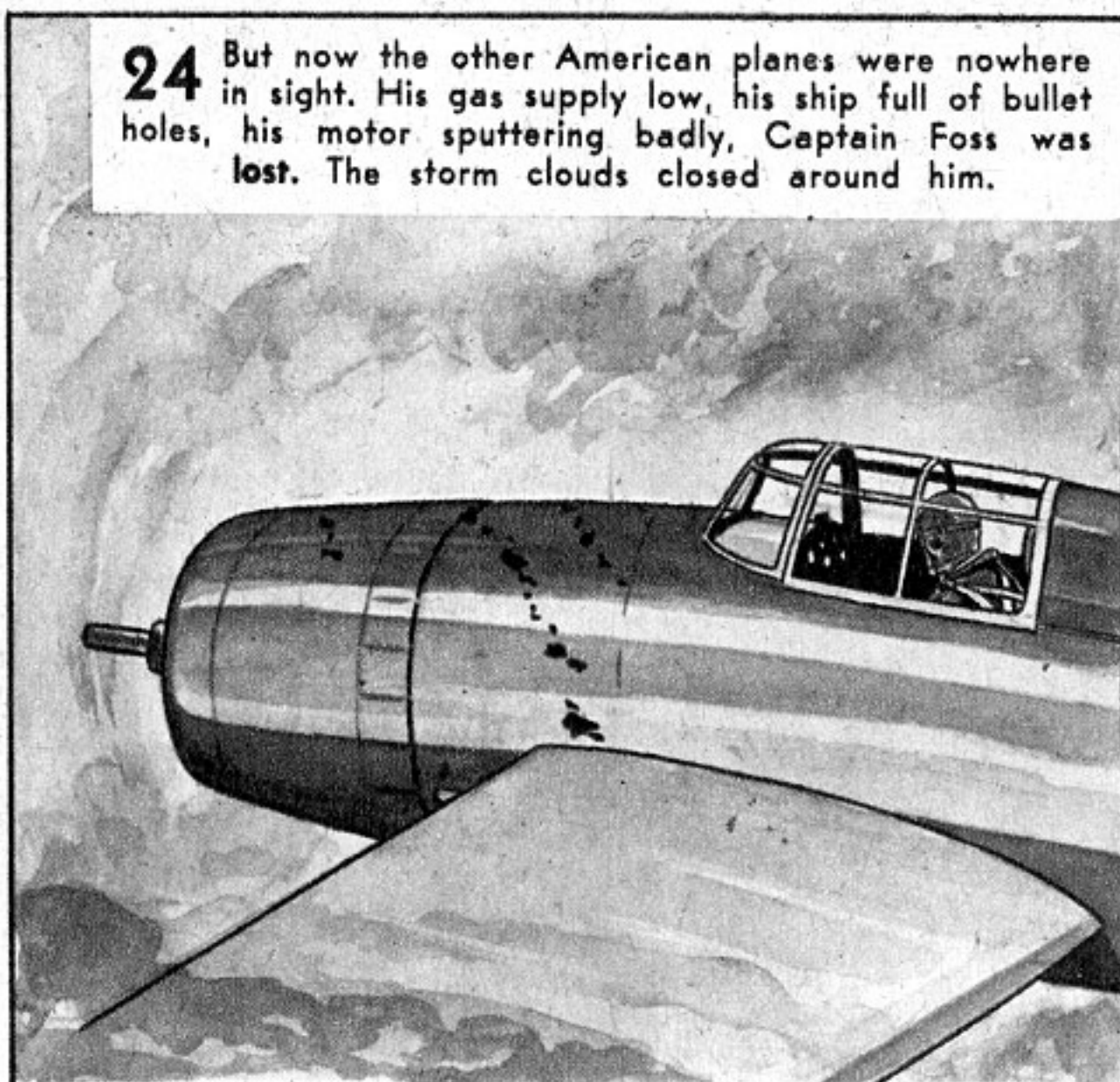
22 He came up under the Jap, firing all his guns. The Jap's right wings sheared off, cut in half, and the Jap dropped like a broken bird.



23 As Foss turned, he spotted another enemy scout plane, and blasted it out of the sky before the Jap knew what had happened.



24 But now the other American planes were nowhere in sight. His gas supply low, his ship full of bullet holes, his motor sputtering badly, Captain Foss was lost. The storm clouds closed around him.



26 The plane sank like lead, dragging Captain Foss underwater.



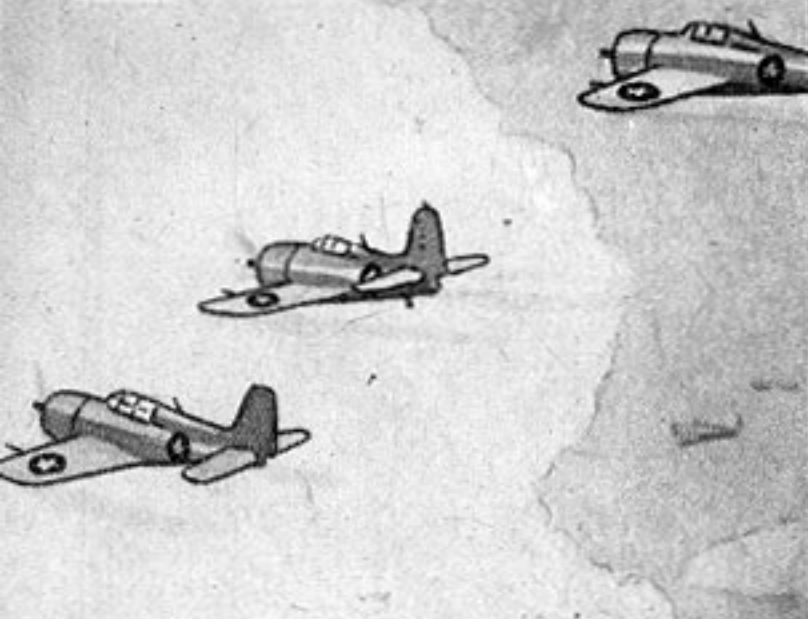
25 Beaten by wind and rain, the motor finally quit. Captain Foss began a long glide towards a distant island, not knowing whether it was held by the Japanese. Five miles from the island, the Wildcat crashed into the ocean.



27 Luckily, his life preserver pulled him to the surface. . . . After nightfall two canoes paddled through the black water towards the spot where the airplane went down. Captain Foss held his breath. Where they Japs?



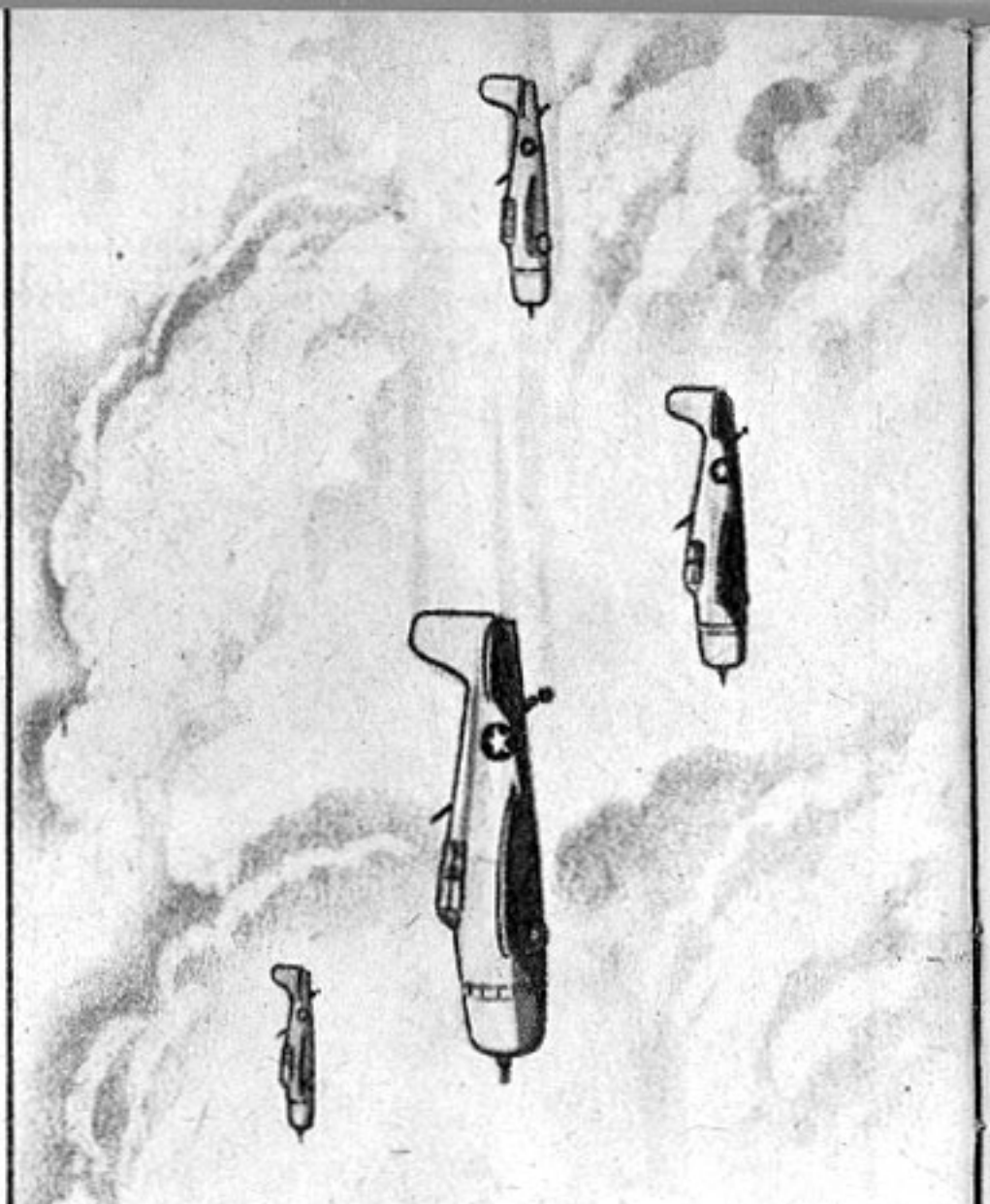
. . . They were friendly natives and an Australian sawmill owner. The next day Captain Foss was back at Henderson Field.



28 A big naval battle was raging off Guadalcanal, and Captain Foss suspected that Japanese torpedo bombers were lurking in a huge cloud 29,500 feet above Florida Island.



29 Somehow the Japs slipped out of the cloud. When Captain Foss saw them, the torpedo bombers were 29,000 feet below, streaking for the U. S. destroyers!

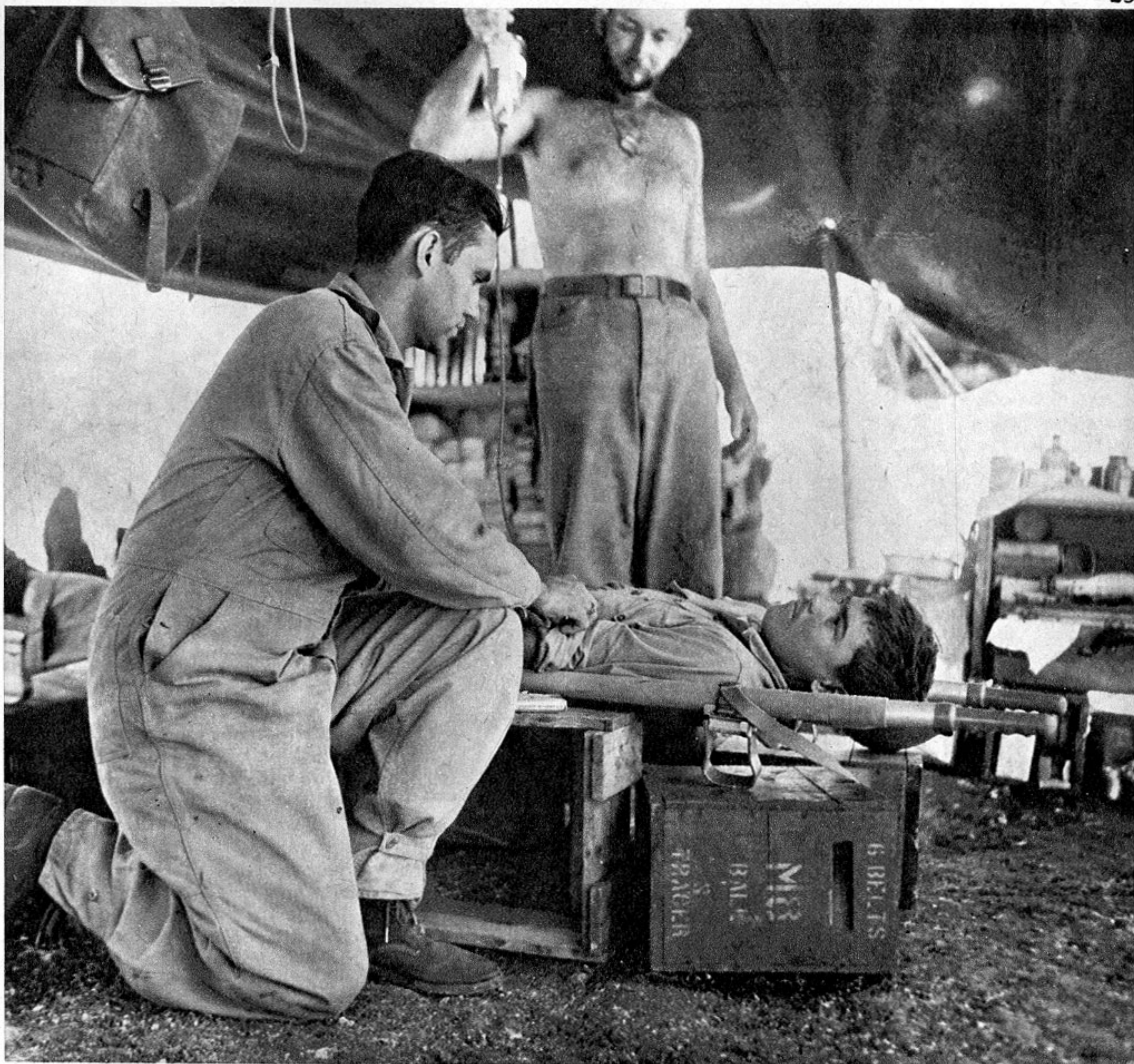


30 Captain Foss and his flying circus nosed over—and plummeted 29,000 feet straight down in a roller coaster power dive!



31 Like bullets the Americans zipped past the Zeros that the Japs had hidden for high cover, and leveled out on the tails of the torpedo bombers. Skidding right and left with blazing guns, Captain Foss immediately downed two Japs. He and his flight whammed through the ack-ack from the American destroyers to clip off the Japs, one by one, until 21 of the enemy had crashed flaming into the sea. Only one Jap escaped. Captain Foss was on top of him and could have blown him to bits, but by this time the Wildcat's guns were empty.

For these and other brilliant exploits, Captain Foss was decorated with his country's most distinguished honors, and elevated to the rank of Major in the U. S. Marine Corps.



This photograph of a wounded United States Marine receiving a transfusion in a Guadalcanal field hospital is a graphic illustration of how donation to a blood bank saves lives. Plasma, such as that held by the bearded Marine in the background, has kept hundreds of men in our armed forces alive and in the fight.

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BATTLE OF THE DITCH



A lone Marine and a quartet of savage Japs write a decisive chapter under the tropical sun in the Southwest Pacific.

JIGGS WILLIAMS, private, U. S. M. C., flattened his short, wiry frame against the clay bottom of the grass-edged ditch and shivered as the whining hail of .30-calibre machine-gun slugs zipped twelve inches above his back.

They had him cold. No doubt about that.

Four little grinning monkeys in the sloppy uniform of Tojo's troops. Two of them dug in behind the bushes on top of the little knoll that sloped up from the ditch where he sprawled, wounded and unarmed. Two more of them in the ditch itself, one of them behind him and one somewhere ahead, both of them hidden from his sight by reason of the sharp curve which the ditch made around the bend of

the hill. It was only a question of time before they came and got him. He could hear the one behind him crawling forward now.

When the Jap cross-fire had caught the patrol, the other four Marines had promptly hit the dirt. Jiggs, however, stunned by the suddenness of the attack—there weren't supposed to be any Japs in the neighborhood, not this close to the American lines, anyway!—had frozen where he stood, like a rabbit caught in the glare of automobile headlights on a country road. Before he could recover, the machine-gun and rifle fire had fanned across the little clearing; one bullet had slammed into his shoulder and knocked him down, hard. His Browning had been shot out of his hand even before he fell. And when, galvanized into movement at last, he had rapidly scrambled forward on his belly to reach the shelter of the ditch, which lay five yards ahead, he had given no thought to the weapon.

He had hugged the ditch-bottom, clutching his wounded shoulder, until the savage, triumphant yells of the Japs had let him know that the rest of the patrol had been finished off. Then he had lifted his head to look back at the tragic

field. He saw the two bandy-legged Japs scooting from the jungle on either side, making for the ditch. *They were coming for him!*

He had ducked down again, and not a moment too soon. The other two Japs, up on the knoll, had cut loose with their light machine-gun, and they'd nearly got him for good!

It was only a matter of minutes, anyway. Once they found he had neither rifle nor .45, they'd rush him and that'd be *Bingo!*

The Jap behind him in the ditch had stopped inching forward. But he was up to something—Jiggs could hear him moving, and the small clink of metal.

Jiggs bent his neck far forward, looked back over his shoulder—and saw the small, dark, sputtering object hurtling through the air, coming down from a high arc, right at him! *A hand grenade!*

Instinctively—the sandlot ball games never let your eyes and muscles forget those things—he shot out an arm. The grenade plopped solidly into his sweating, clutching, strong-fingered hand. Instantly, without the slightest pause, Jiggs brought his arm straight up and over, throwing forward.

"Maybe"—he prayed—"it'll land on the other Jap!"

Surprisingly, it did. The sharp blast of the grenade, exploding behind the bend of the ditch, several yards ahead of Jiggs, was followed almost instantly by a bubbling shriek that quickly diminished to a horrible, rapid gasping.

"Direct hit!" Jiggs whispered hoarsely, still quivering with reac-

tion, and then a rifle cracked behind him and a bullet slapped into the clay beside his cheek. He swung his head quickly.

The other Jap—the one who had tossed the grenade—was coming at him full tilt, firing wildly as he ran! Jiggs did not even hear the rifle—his entire attention was focussed on the gleaming bayonet that flashed on the muzzle of the Jap's weapon. The bayonet, flashing and dancing and lunging down!

He twisted his ribs into a sharp, wrenching arc. The Jap's vicious yell smote his eardrums. Jiggs heard the bayonet rip savagely through his shirt, felt the burn and rasp of its swift scrape along the folded skin and muscle of his side, saw the Jap coming down on him.

A throaty gasp burst from the Marine's lips as the Jap, letting go the rifle, fell violently on top of him. Then bony little fingers closed around Jiggs' neck, dug in, tightened.

But he had expected this. When the bayonet stab missed, he had seen that the Jap was off balance and could not recover. And he had seen the knife tucked in the Jap's belt. . . .

Even as the vicious little fingers constricted, the Marine's left hand swiftly snatched the knife from his enemy's belt, drew back, jabbed upwards.

The Jap screamed horribly, and for a second his fingers tightened so convulsively in Jiggs' neck that the Marine's senses swam in a sudden swirl of blackness. Then the pressure eased abruptly as the Jap let go and tried to grab Jiggs' arm. He was too late. The knife came out, curved up and in, jerked upwards, and slid in under the breastbone.

"That's for the guys you chopped down in the clearing!" Jiggs snarled, and violently threw the Jap to one side. The little man's twisted mouth was venting shriek after shriek, but the awful clamor ceased suddenly as the knife made its third and final plunge.

JIGGS WAS SHAKING as though he had malaria. He felt dizzy, weak, and somewhat nauseous. He let the knife stay where his last stab had plunged it, put a hand on the ground to brace himself, and forced himself up to a sitting position.

Dat-dat-dat-dat-dat-dat!

The bullets ripped whining past his head, close enough to brush his close-cropped hair.

"Jeepers, creepers! What a fool!" he cried, and flung himself backwards. "Forgot about that machine-gun!"

Shrill and angry shouts clamored from the top of the knoll.

"They're plenty sore," Jiggs told himself, staring up at the smoke-colored morning sky. "They know something's gone wrong—and they won't stand for it, I'll bet! They'll come for me, sooner or later. And a machine-gun's more than I can handle. . . ."

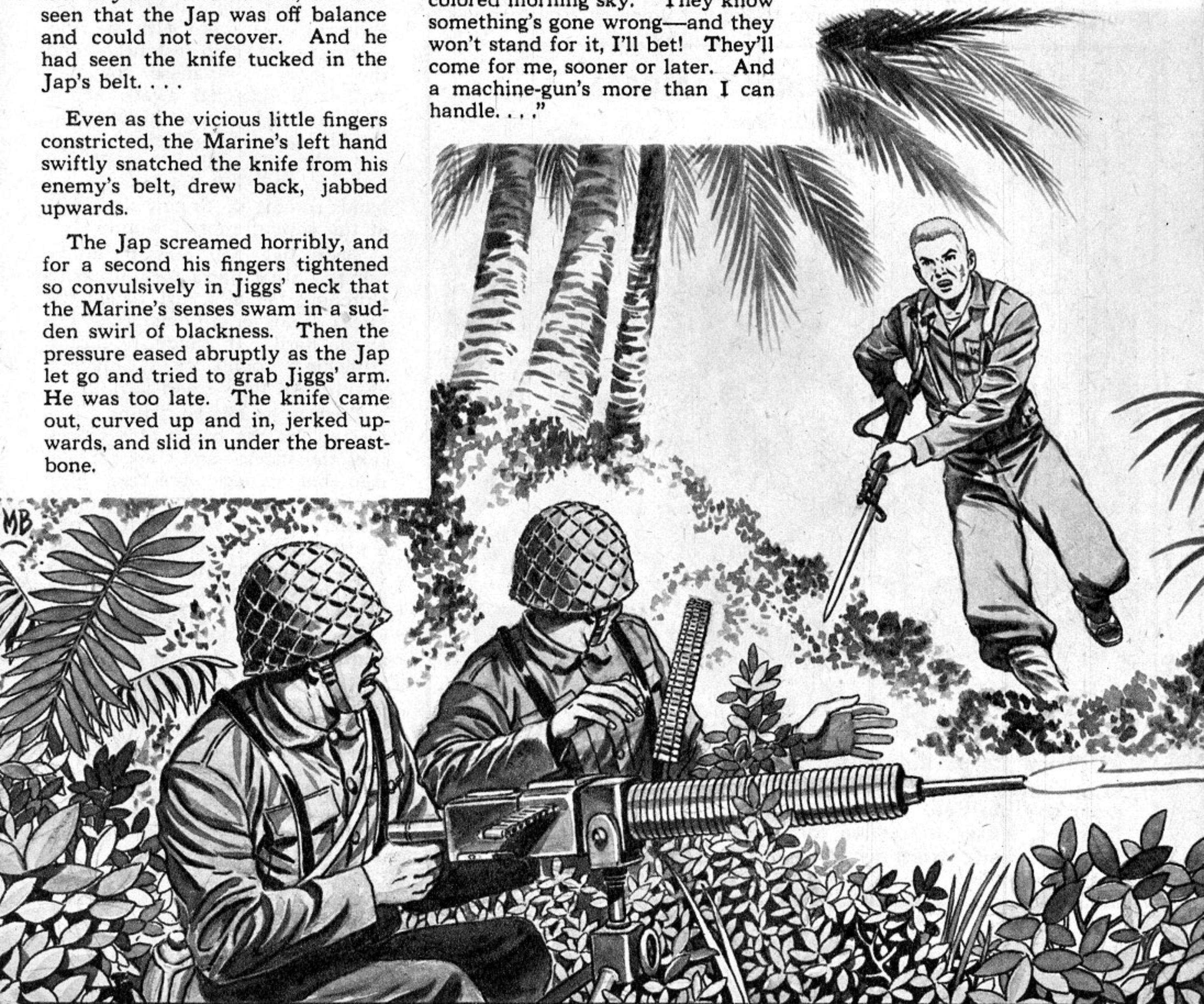
And then he saw the tight little yellow cylinders of paper hanging out of a pouch on the dead Jap's belt.

Firecrackers!

He reached over and carefully, so as not to break the string, removed the firecrackers from the pouch. There were about three hundred of them in the string, each of them about an inch and a half in length, and there was a two-foot paper fuse leading into one end of the packet.

"Perfect!" Jiggs murmured, and went swiftly to work. He plucked the Jap's rifle from its upright position beside him, checked to make sure that the bayonet had not been wrenched loose, slipped a fresh clip of bullets into place. Then he carefully wriggled around until he faced the direction from which his late opponent had charged him, stretched the string of firecrackers on the ground beside him, and took a book of safety matches from one of his blouse pockets.

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"Coward Marine! Coward Marine! Come and fight us!"

The Japs up on the knoll were shouting this, derisively and in surprisingly good English.

"Coward Japs!" he shouted back. "You come and get me! I have a little machine-gun, too! Want a taste of it?"

"Riar!" yelled one of the Japs on the hill-top.

Jiggs found himself grinning. Japs couldn't pronounce the letter L. His hands were steady as he struck a match, touched its small flame to the end of the fuse. There was a quick, bright sputter of sparks, and a pinpoint glow began to creep along the thin paper string.

"Liar, am I?" he shouted. "Just stick your heads up!"

They began yelling again, and loosed a quick burst at the ditch, but he paid no attention to that. He just went wriggling along the ditch as fast as he could, dragging the dead Jap's rifle with him.

Suddenly he heard the sharp snap and bang of the firecrackers. A surge of relief and elation went

through him as he realized how far he had crawled around the ditch in the brief interval that the fuse had given him. He wriggled forward a few more yards, and cautiously lifted his head. The Japs were shooting towards the place where he had last been, where the firecrackers were now exploding viciously!

HE CAME UP out of the ditch then, and started running up the grassy slope of the knoll, the Japanese rifle clutched in one hand. His crawl along the ditch had brought him a third of the way around the base of the little hill. He had flanked the Japs with the machine-gun; was almost directly in back of them, in fact. He ran on, trying to make his footfalls as light as possible.

The Japs in the skimpy bushes on the hill-top had stopped firing, but the firecrackers were still exploding merrily. Twenty yards more, Jiggs figured. Eighteen! Sixteen! He could see the Japs peering out, down the hill, wondering what was going on. Fourteen yards

more! Twelve! Suddenly one of those ugly little Japanese heads jerked sharply about. Mean little slanted eyes squinted, opened wide, staring right at him! Ten yards more! Eight!

A high, harsh yell burst from the Jap's gaping mouth. His companion spun around, still crouching on his heels—and the small machine-gun snapped around, too. *They had him!*

"Yeeeeeahhh!" The savage, uncontrollable shout ripped from Jiggs' throat, screamed out ahead of him. The fierceness of that barbaric cry seemed to strike the first Jap as though it were something solid. Half-squatting, half-erect, he made a convulsive movement backwards, lost his balance—and fell against the barrel of the machine-gun, even as the other Jap squeezed the trigger. The gun chattered, spat a stream of bullets downward into the earth. The gunner screeched something in his native tongue, pulled the weapon clear.

Jiggs went yelling into the brush, thrusting down hard with the rifle, jerking it up again instantly—and the slender Japanese bayonet slashed a diagonal swath across that narrow Japanese throat. The machine-gunner's shrieking stopped abruptly. He dropped his weapon and fell backwards, his hands coming up to paw shakily at the gaping, mortal wound.

Then Jiggs felt himself falling, felt the other Jap's tackling arms clutching his legs just below the knees. He jerked one knee upward, hard. It made a horrid, crunching sound as it cracked against the Jap's small jaw.

Even as he hit the ground, Jiggs twisted, let the broad of his back take the shock—and then he realized that his legs were free. The Jap, his jaw peculiarly twisted, his mouth working, was trying to pull a pistol from a holster on his belt. Jiggs kicked out one foot, and the solid heel caught the Jap full between the eyes. Jiggs got to his knees, wrenched at the rifle, brought it up, lunged. A whistling gasp came from the Jap's distorted lips. Jiggs lunged again. Once more.

Finally he got shakily to his feet, bracing himself with the Japanese rifle. He shook his head to clear the gathering fog away, took a dazed look at the two dead sons of Tojo, then started to stumble wearily down the little hill.

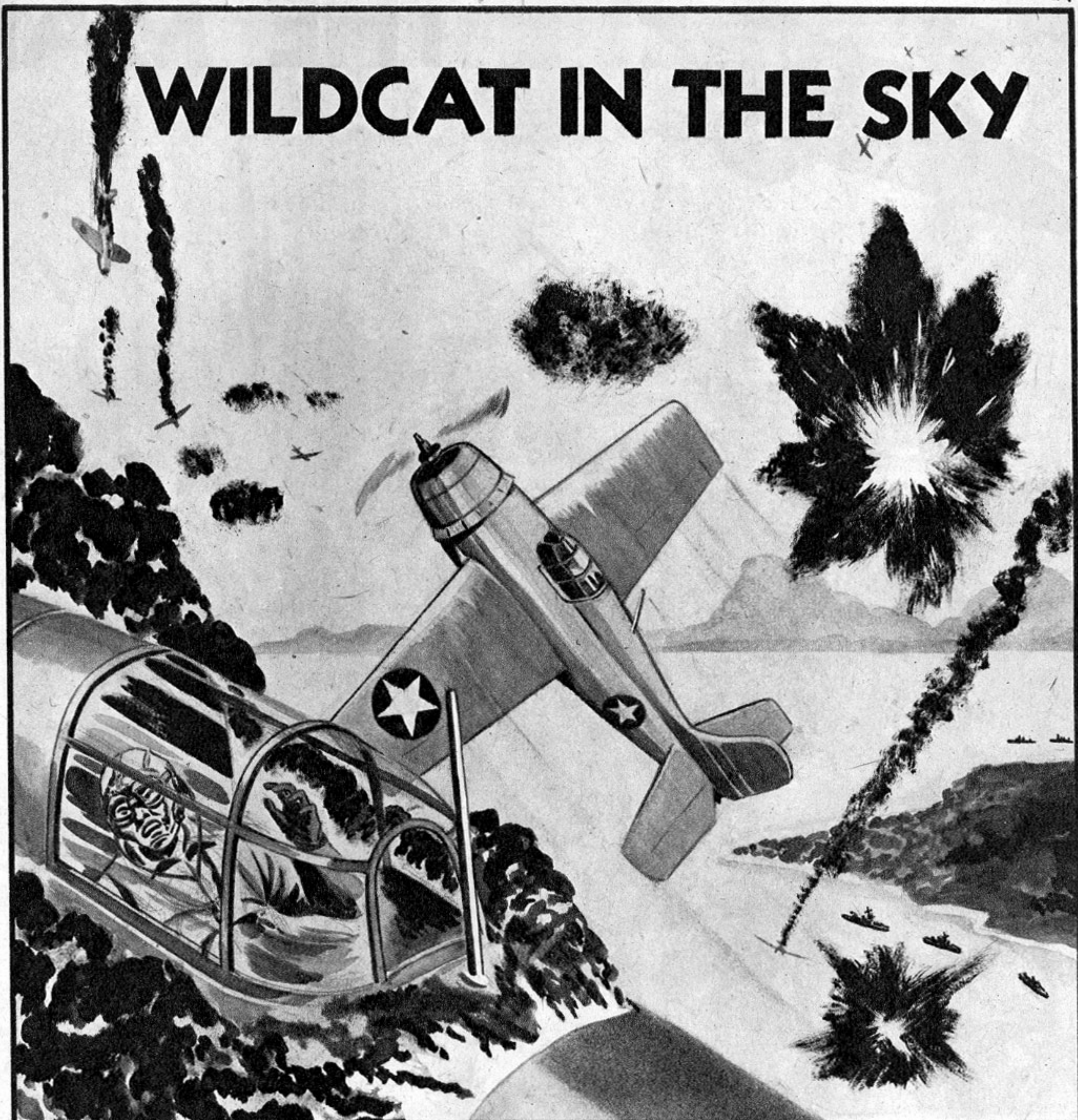
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MARINE CORPS RAIDERS



Marine Corps Raider Battalions which have participated in the Makin and Solomon Islands attacks, must learn to shoot from any position. This crouching stance, used when running forward, makes a smaller target than the standing position. Note the knife worn by Marine at right—all Raiders carry them in battle.

WILDCAT IN THE SKY



THREE OTHER ENEMY dive bombers, victims of his sharp-shooting guns, were still trailing funereal plumes of black oil smoke over Tulagi harbor when First Lieutenant J. E. Swett in his Grumman Wildcat Fighter pounced upon the second flight of Japanese dive bombers north of Florida Island. *A clawing, death-spitting wildcat among a flock of fat hens!* Four more Jap birds dropped flaming into the Pacific Ocean, moulting parts like feathers. . . . Behind the bullet-smashed windshield, blood zigzagged redly down his tanned face—but the U. S. Marine Corps pilot wasn't through yet! . . . He loosed the last of his ammunition into still another dive bomber. The Jap wobbled away with the rear gunner huddled lifeless in his turret. . . . The Wildcat, its oil-cooling system riddled like a sieve, limped through the ack-ack of American shore batteries and warships and sat down in the water. . . . Later, in the hospital where he was treated for minor facial injuries, Lieutenant Swett learned that he had set a new record for World War II—*seven enemy planes downed by one pilot in a single action!*

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THE MARINES HAVE LANDED!



Cpl. Ogden Whitney

THE MARINES HAVE LANDED on hostile shores hundreds of times since that memorable day in 1776 when the newly formed Corps made their first landing on New Providence Island in the Bahamas, and took Ft. Montague from the British. In fact, there is hardly a place in the entire world where the Marines have not gone ashore to do battle for their country; and before this war is over, the fighting Leathernecks will probably cover the regions they have missed up till now. And some day, in the not-too-distant future, a report will flash from the Orient that, as this drawing shows, the Marines have landed on an Asiatic plague-spot **AND HAVE THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND!**

SAGA OF THE SOLOMONS

WITH THE BOLDNESS and efficiency of their 168 years of world-wide fighting, the United States Marines invaded the Solomon Islands and began the first American land offensive against the Japanese on August 7, 1942, exactly seven months after Pearl Harbor.

It took five months of bitter fighting for the Marines to gain absolute control over the smaller island group, including Tulagi, Gavutu and Tan-ambogo. But when they turned Guadalcanal over to the Army on January 21, 1943, to complete the task of mopping up the remaining enemy units, it was with the knowledge that the

enemy's back had been broken beyond repair.

Marine action in the islands not only brought the Japanese tide of aggression to an emphatic halt, but it also cleared the Nipponese from their flanking position of the American lifeline to Australia.

Excepting the recapture of Chinese areas by Chinese troops, the conquest of the Solomons constituted the first recapture of territory seized by the Japs.

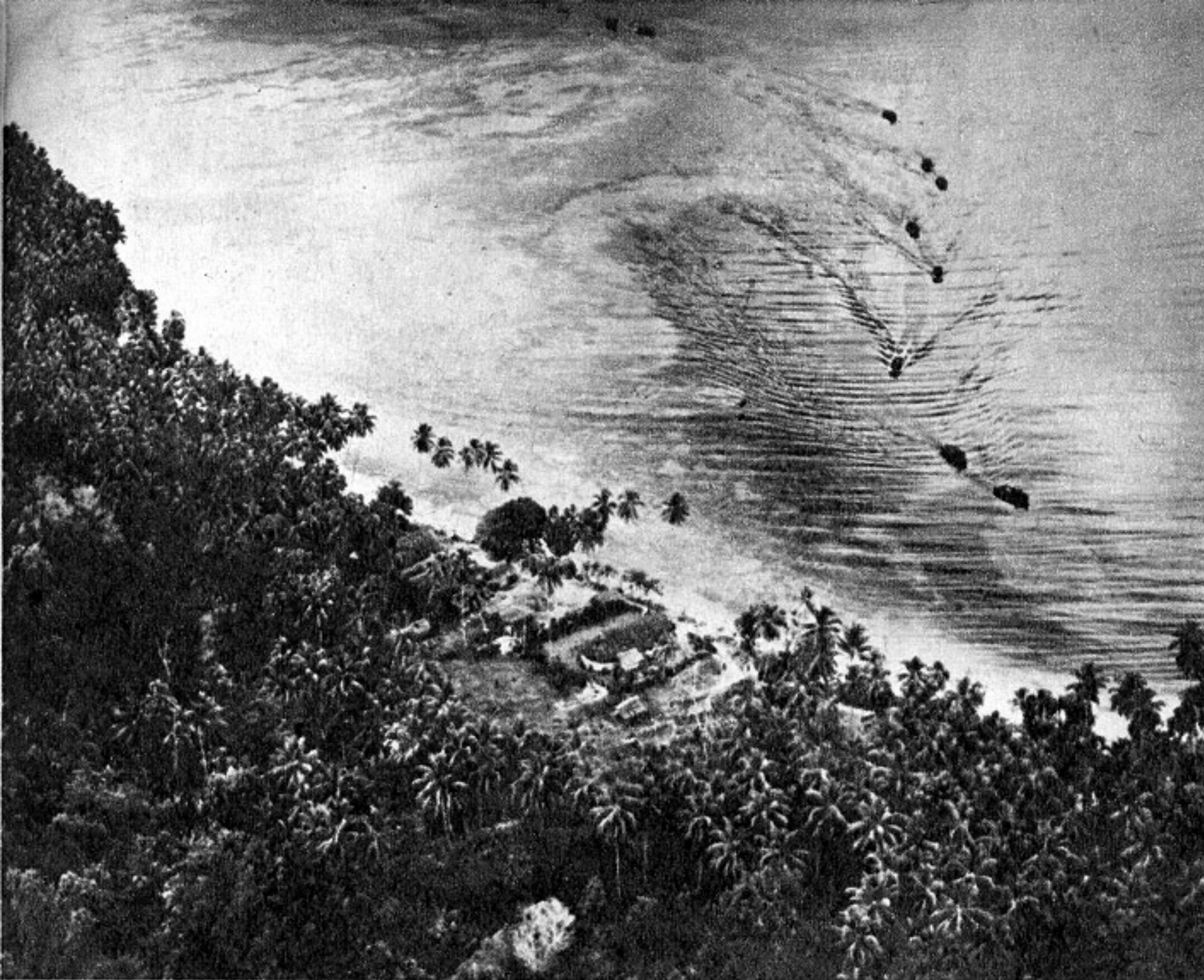
On this and the following pages are Marine Corps photographs taken in the Solomon Islands during that hard-fought campaign.



1. "WE'RE SHOVING RIGHT OFF." Their intensive training period in this country completed, these Marines, ready to fight their weight in wildcats or Japs, board a transport for parts unknown. They're fully equipped with battle-

packs and camouflaged tents on their backs for their victory route to Tokyo which thousands of their fellow Marines have been paving with dead Japs since the beginning of the war.

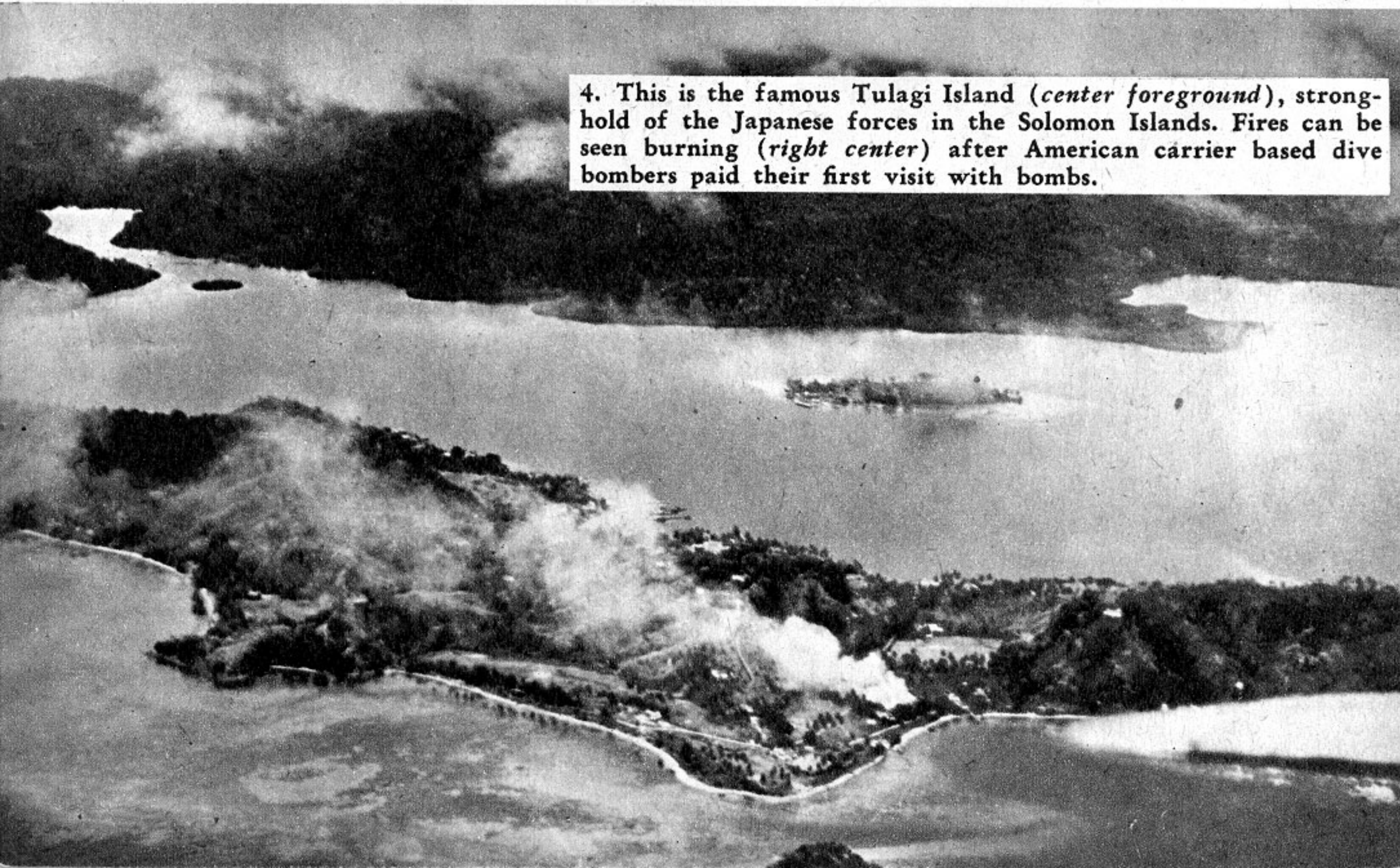
2. LANDING IN THE SOLOMONS. Looking from the air like a zig-zagging squadron of water bugs, troop-carrying barges land U. S. Marines on the beach of Florida Island during the initial stages of the Solomons battle.



3. With guns poised for action, amphibian tractors launched from transports swiftly carry the Leathernecks to the shores of Guadalcanal.



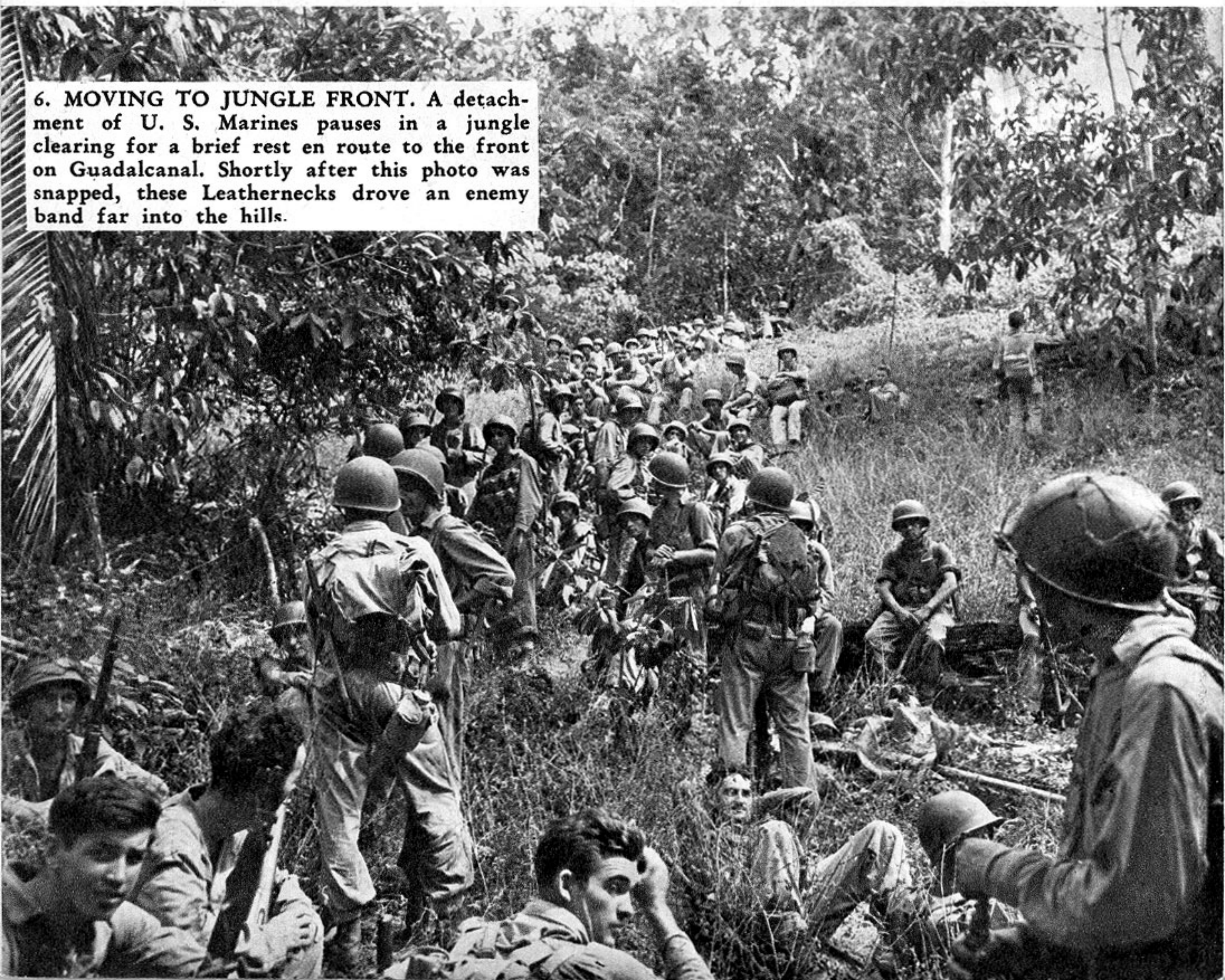
4. This is the famous Tulagi Island (*center foreground*), stronghold of the Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands. Fires can be seen burning (*right center*) after American carrier based dive bombers paid their first visit with bombs.





5. IN COMMAND OF THE BATTLE OF THE SOLOMONS. Marines on Guadalcanal were under the command of Major General A. A. Vandergrift, who is shown here at the crude desk in his tent on the island. It was from this very desk that Major General Vandergrift directed all operations of American forces on the South Pacific Island.

6. MOVING TO JUNGLE FRONT. A detachment of U. S. Marines pauses in a jungle clearing for a brief rest en route to the front on Guadalcanal. Shortly after this photo was snapped, these Leathernecks drove an enemy band far into the hills.



7. U. S. Marines man a 75mm howitzer during intensive fighting on Guadalcanal Island.

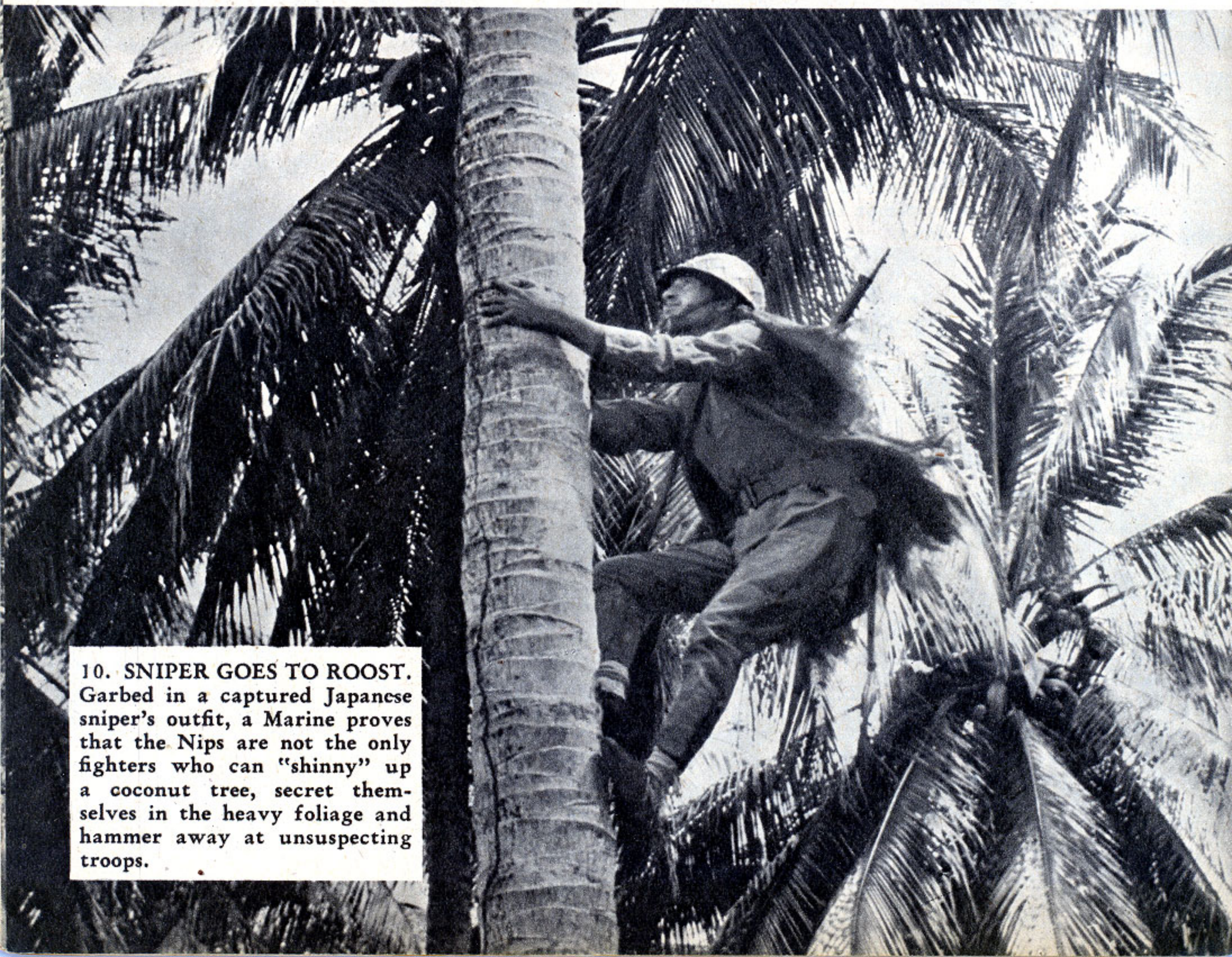


8. DEATH IN THE MORNING. The rising sun reveals the corpses of Japanese jungle fighters, half-buried in the tidal sands of the Tenaru River where they fell in their vicious night attempt to dislodge U. S. Marines from Guadalcanal Island.






9. JAP SNIPER'S UNIFORM. The Leatherneck at the right shows a companion how he looks in a Japanese sniper's jacket, made of long-haired animal's skin. The skin blends in with the underbrush making such snipers extremely difficult to locate.



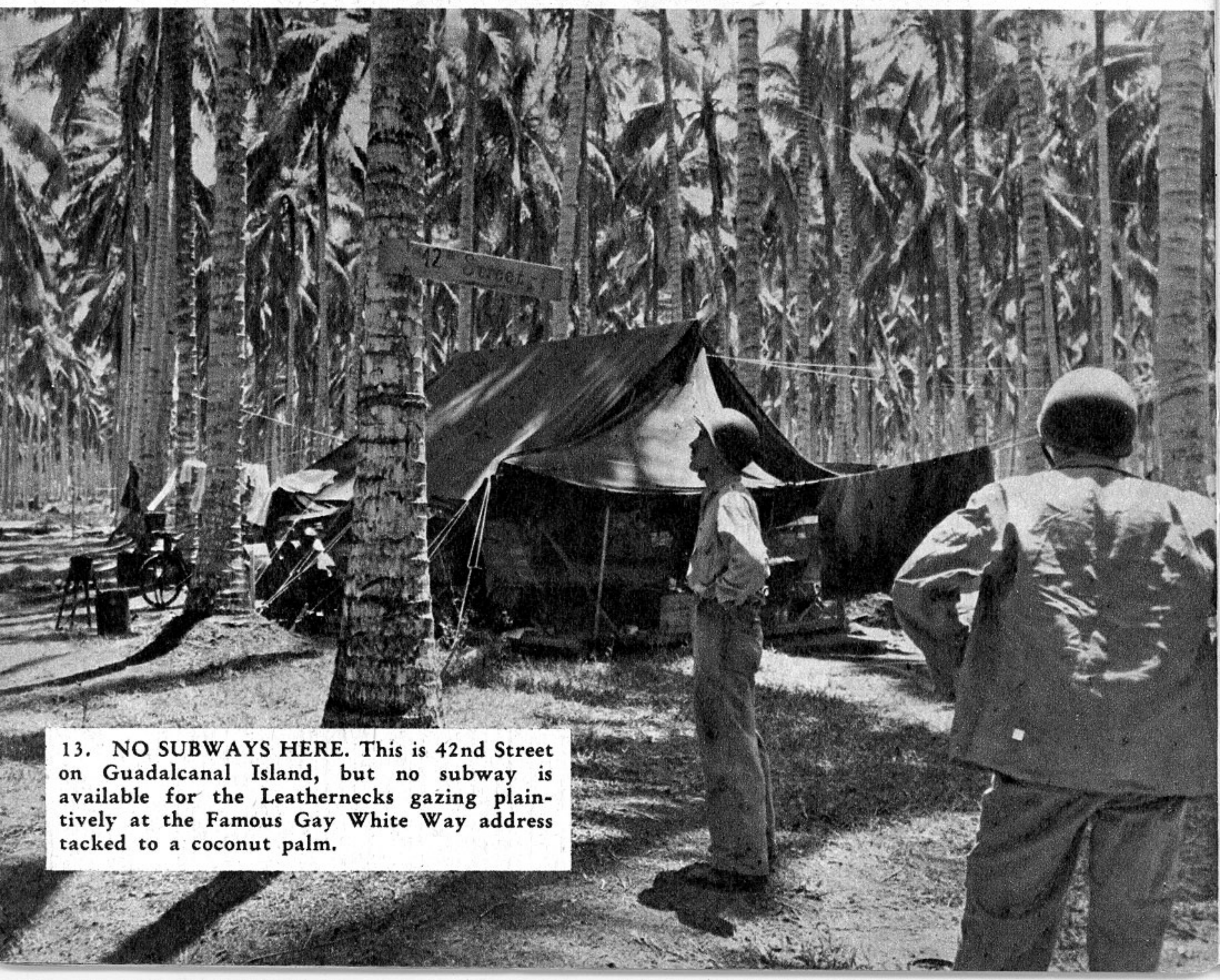
10. SNIPER GOES TO ROOST. Garbed in a captured Japanese sniper's outfit, a Marine proves that the Nips are not the only fighters who can "shinny" up a coconut tree, secret themselves in the heavy foliage and hammer away at unsuspecting troops.

11. ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME? A Leatherneck indulges in one of Guadalcanal's greatest luxuries—a turn under the shower bath, made from an oil drum and a block and tackle.



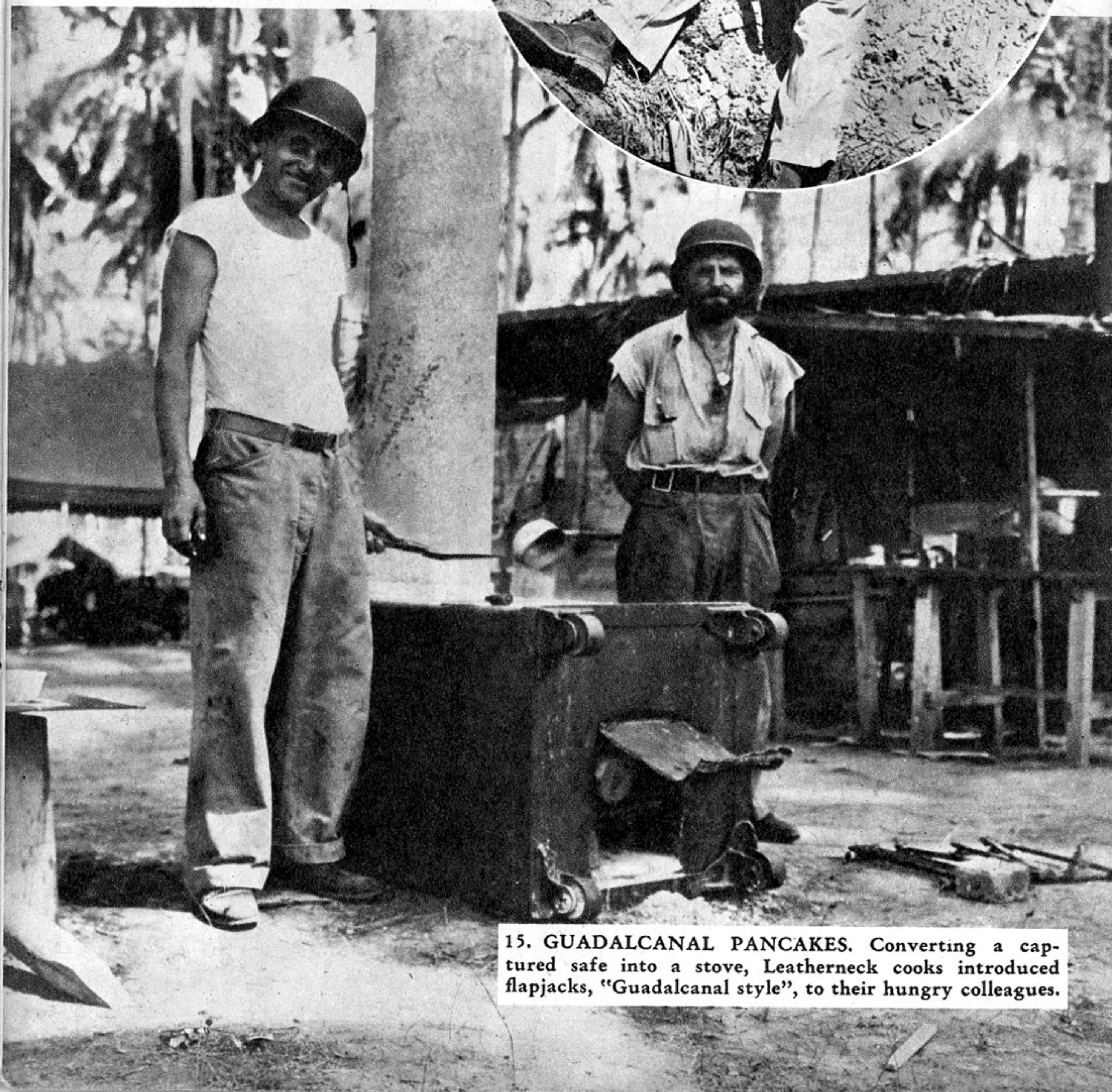


12. Heavy foliage like this on Guadalcanal hid Jap snipers as U. S. Marines fought their way through the jungle west of the Mataniko River on the island in the bloody battle of the Solomons.



13. NO SUBWAYS HERE. This is 42nd Street on Guadalcanal Island, but no subway is available for the Leathernecks gazing plaintively at the Famous Gay White Way address tacked to a coconut palm.

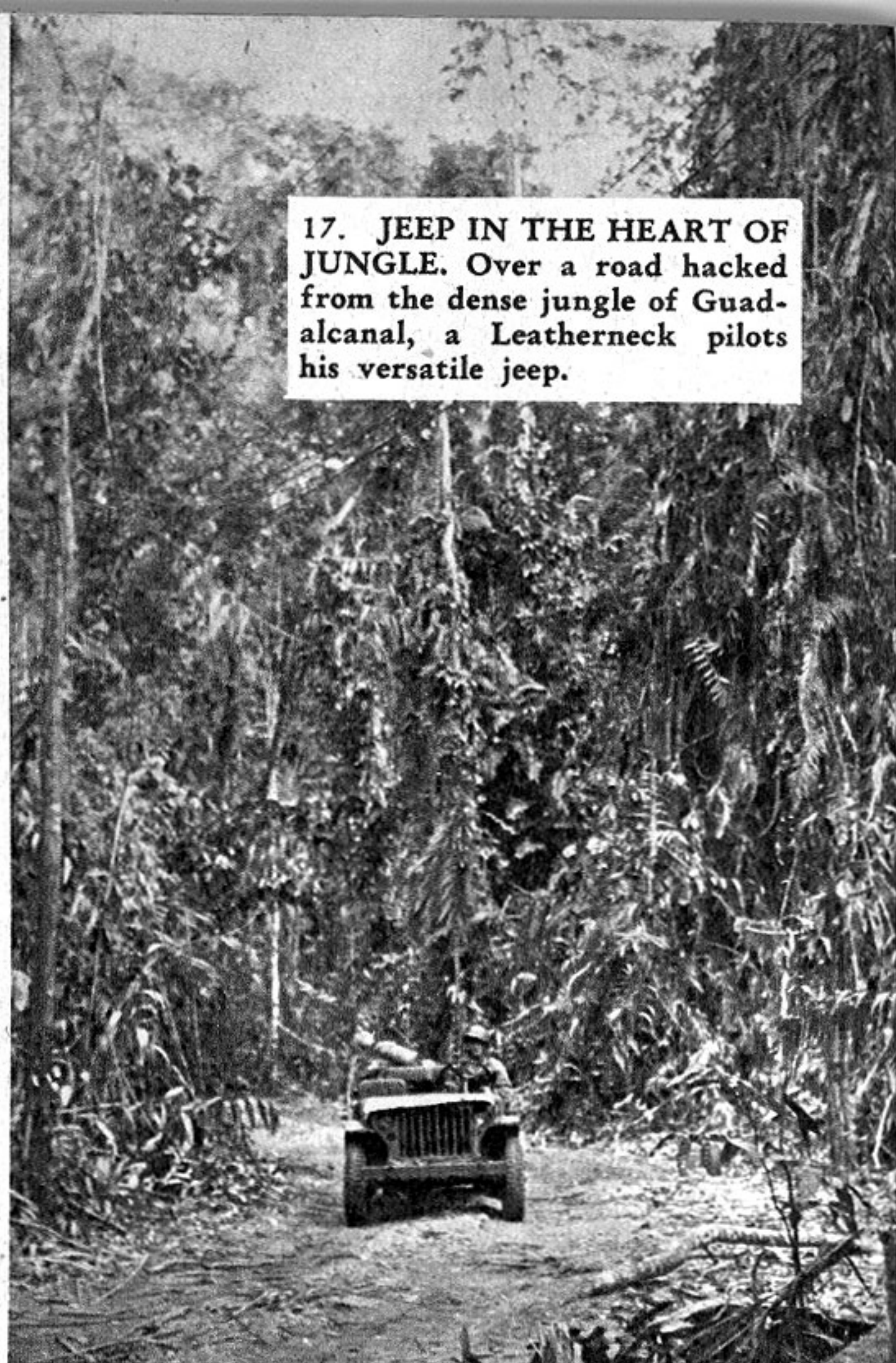
14. TIME OUT. This marine gunner, with tommy gun on knee, leaves his newly-dug trench near the Guadalcanal front line. With mess gear in hand, he awaits "chow" time.



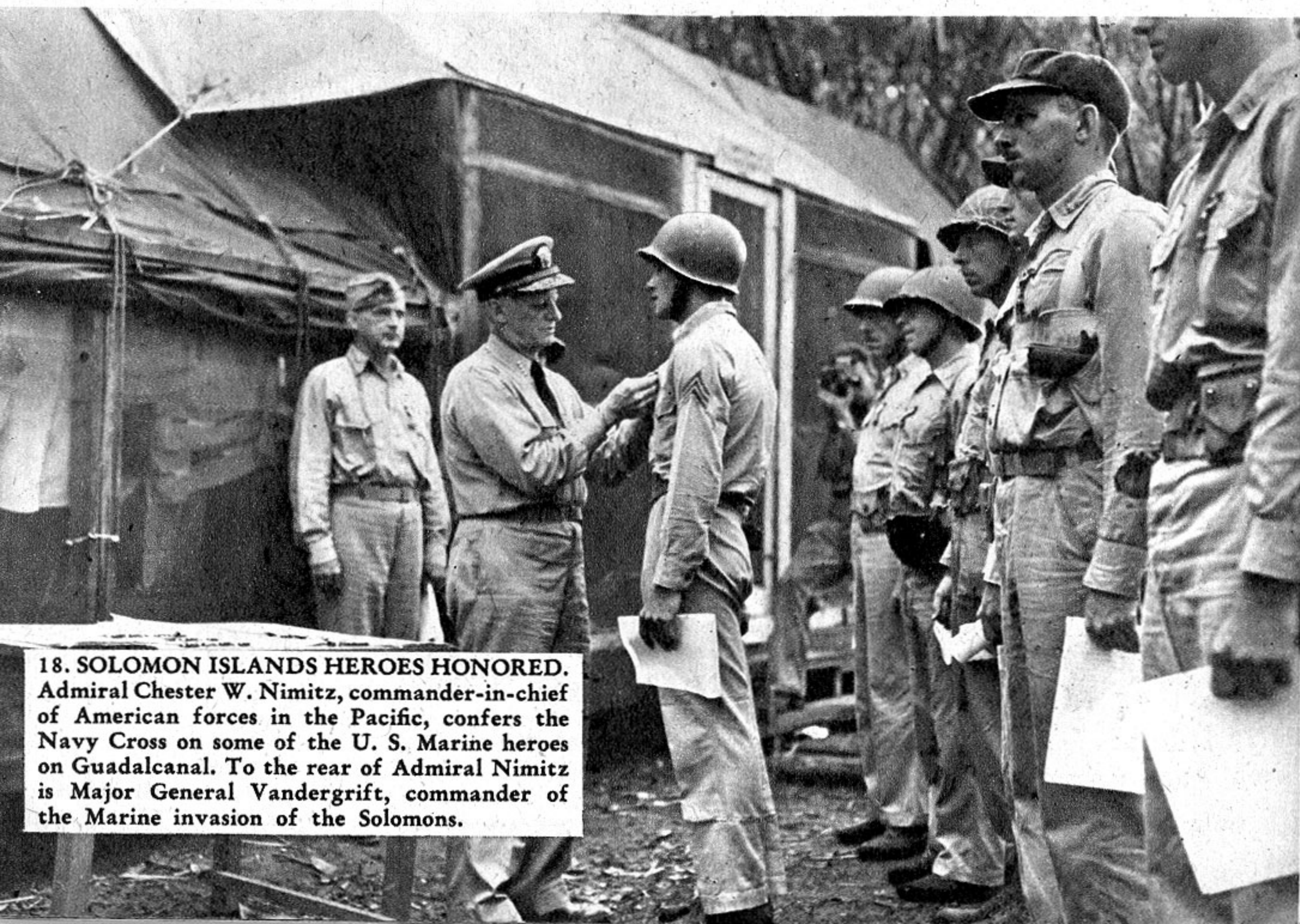
15. GUADALCANAL PANCAKES. Converting a captured safe into a stove, Leatherneck cooks introduced flapjacks, "Guadalcanal style", to their hungry colleagues.



16. EYES IN THE TREES. Among silvery palms on Guadalcanal stands one of many Marine observation posts. From such places Marines keep a constant vigil against enemy attack.



17. JEEP IN THE HEART OF JUNGLE. Over a road hacked from the dense jungle of Guadalcanal, a Leatherneck pilots his versatile jeep.



18. SOLOMON ISLANDS HEROES HONORED. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of American forces in the Pacific, confers the Navy Cross on some of the U. S. Marine heroes on Guadalcanal. To the rear of Admiral Nimitz is Major General Vandergrift, commander of the Marine invasion of the Solomons.

THIS IS THE ENEMY!

THE FLYING BUTCHER

ON JUNE 7, 1943, Lt. Samuel S. Logan, USMC flyer, bailed out of his wrecked Corsair and found himself the target of a swooping Zero fighter. Firing as it came, the Zero raced beneath the helpless Logan, who had to pull his feet up to escape being chopped by the propeller. Again the Jap came. Again the Marine flyer lifted his feet—and the murderous prop missed by inches. Then Logan knew. *The Jap was deliberately trying to cut him to pieces with the propeller!* . . . On the third attack, the Zero's prop slashed off most of Logan's right foot; then an Army P-40 drove him away. . . . Logan is alive today—but he will never forget the flying butcher of Japan.

Cpl. Ogden Whitney



In ten more minutes what will you be doing?

IN ten more minutes they'll be in action—American fighters risking life and limb to conquer one more bridgehead on the road to freedom.

And in ten more minutes—what will *you* be doing to help win this war?

Because it's up to you as much as it's up to them. Unless you—and all the rest of us at home—are devoting every spare minute of our time to fighting this war as civilians, *their* chances of victory are slim.

Next time you read of an American raid on enemy positions—with its tragic footnote of lost planes and ships and men—ask yourself:

"What more can I do today for freedom? What more can I do tomorrow that will save the lives of men like this and help them win the war?"

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To help you find *your* place in America's War for Freedom, the Government has organized the Citizens Service Corps as part

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ON AUG. 6TH, 1943, THE JAPS LOST ANOTHER VITAL AIR-BASE WHEN AMERICAN JUNGLE-FIGHTERS CAPTURED MUNDA, ON NEW GEORGIA ISLAND.... BUT BEFORE THE MAIN ATTACK AND BEFORE THE SIEGE WHICH STRANGLED MUNDA, AN ACTION WAS FOUGHT AT VIRU HARBOR, FORTY MILES AWAY, WHICH MADE THE LATER VICTORY POSSIBLE....

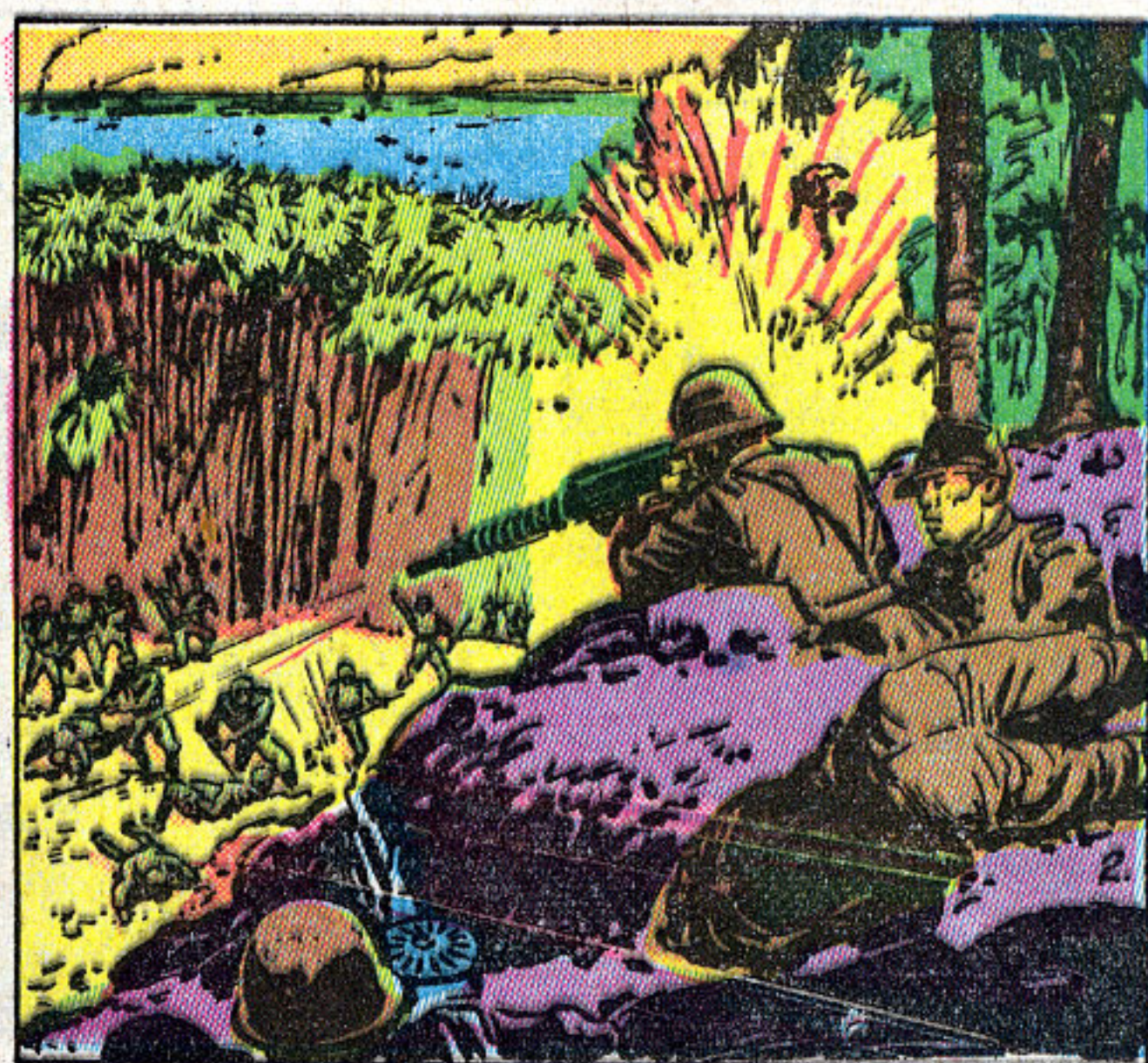
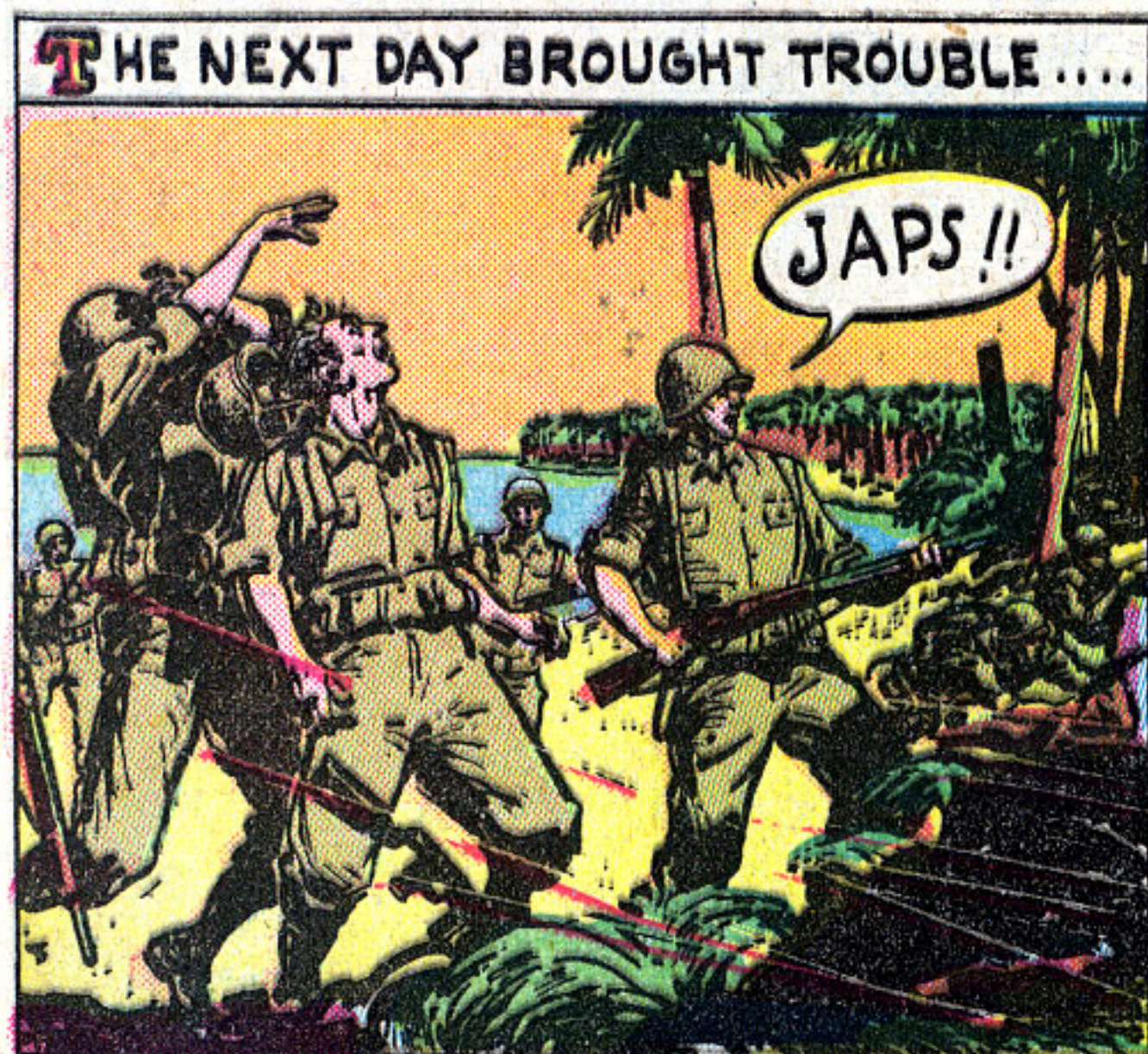
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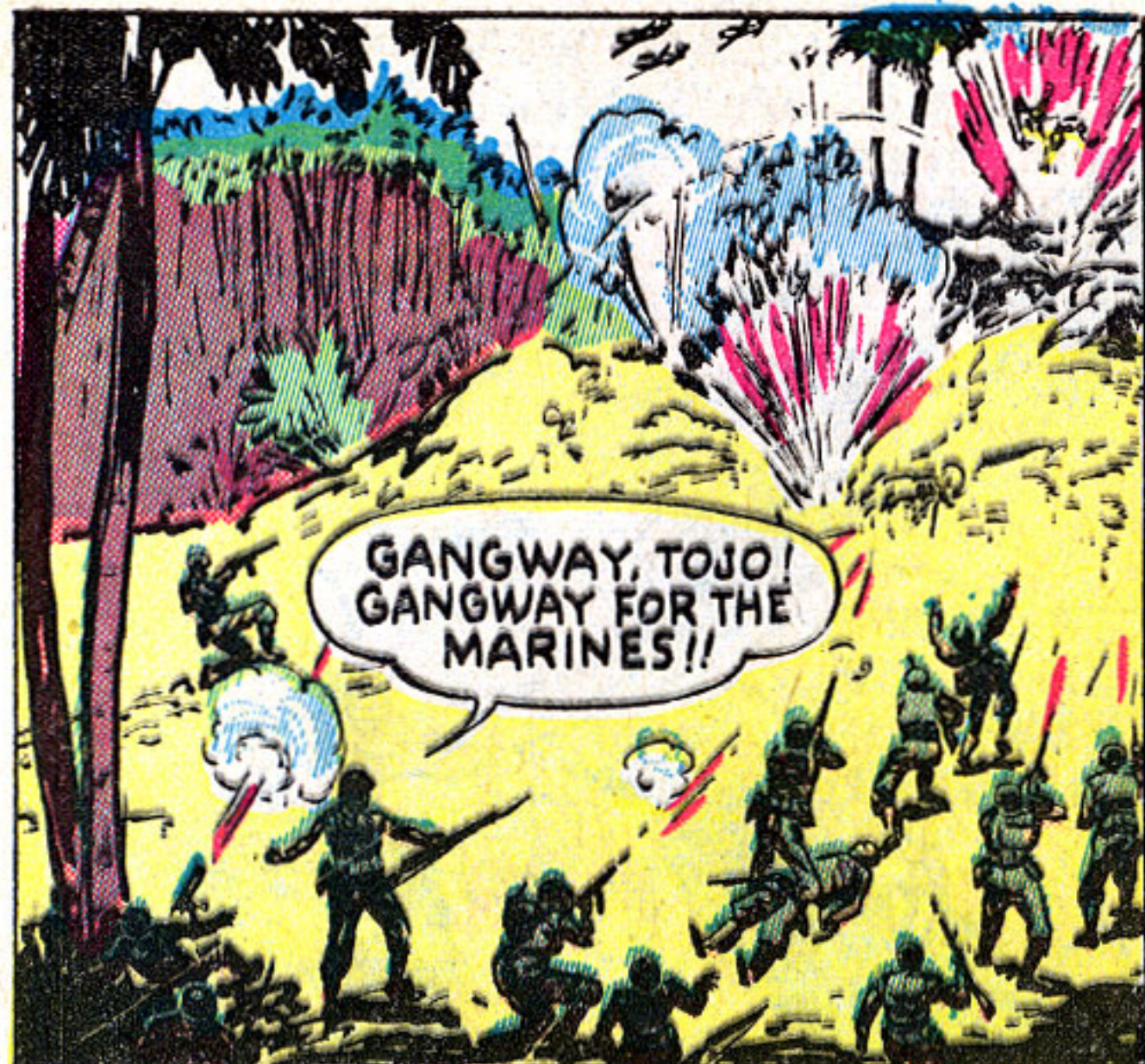
THERE'S SEGI RIGHT AHEAD!
AND NOT A JAP IN SIGHT.



WE'LL TAKE TO THE WOODS, KEEP UNDER COVER FOR A WEEK..... UNTIL THE MAIN FORCE IS SET TO COME IN - IF THE JAPS DON'T FIND US, THAT IS!







BUT STUBBORN JAP SNIPERS BIT AT THE MARINES FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS



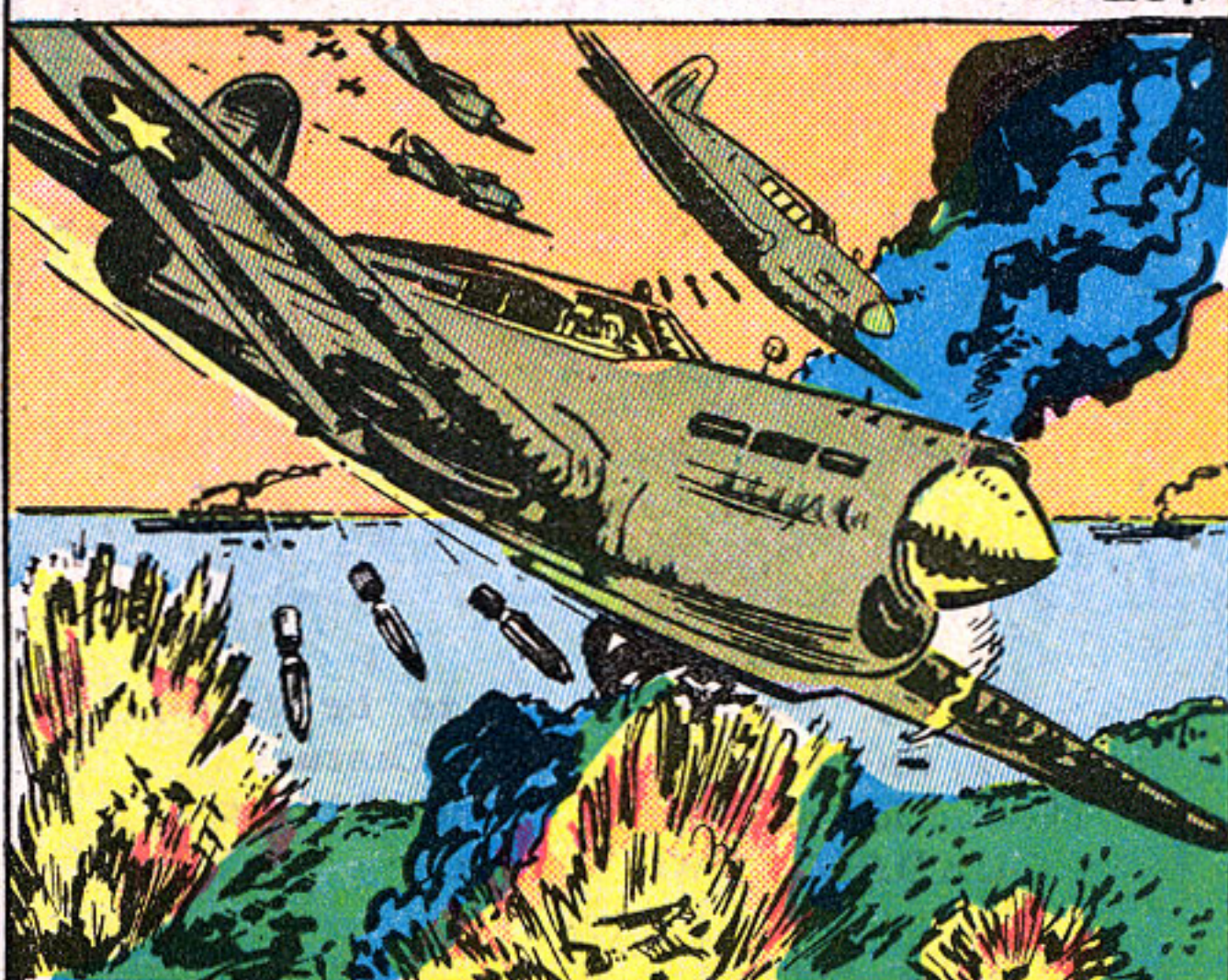
FIGHTING EVERY MILE OF THE WAY, THE MARINES REACHED THE JUNGLES BEHIND VIRU ON JULY 1ST.



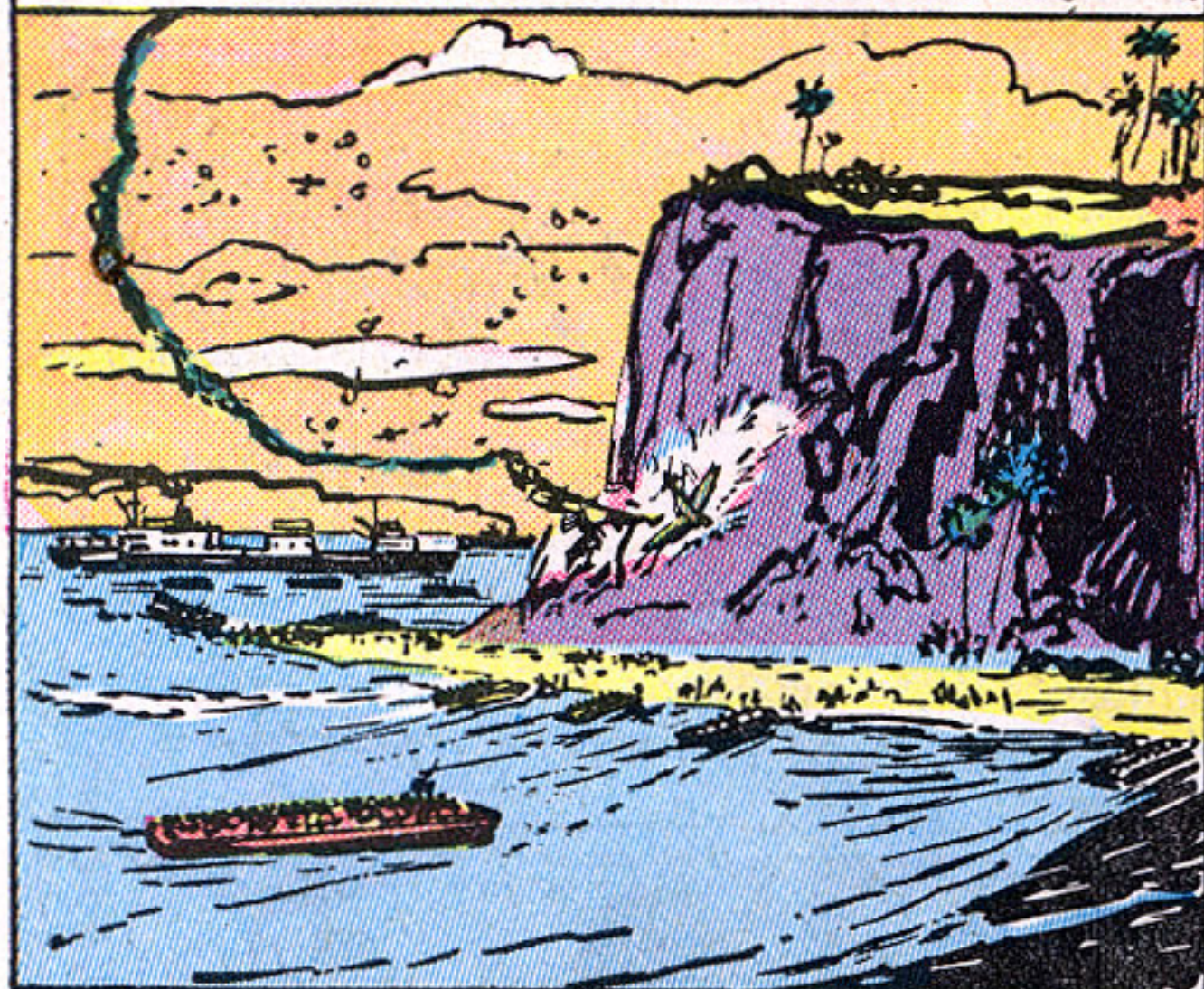
THE PROBLEM WAS SOLVED BY A MARINE DEMOLITION SQUAD VIOLENTLY!!



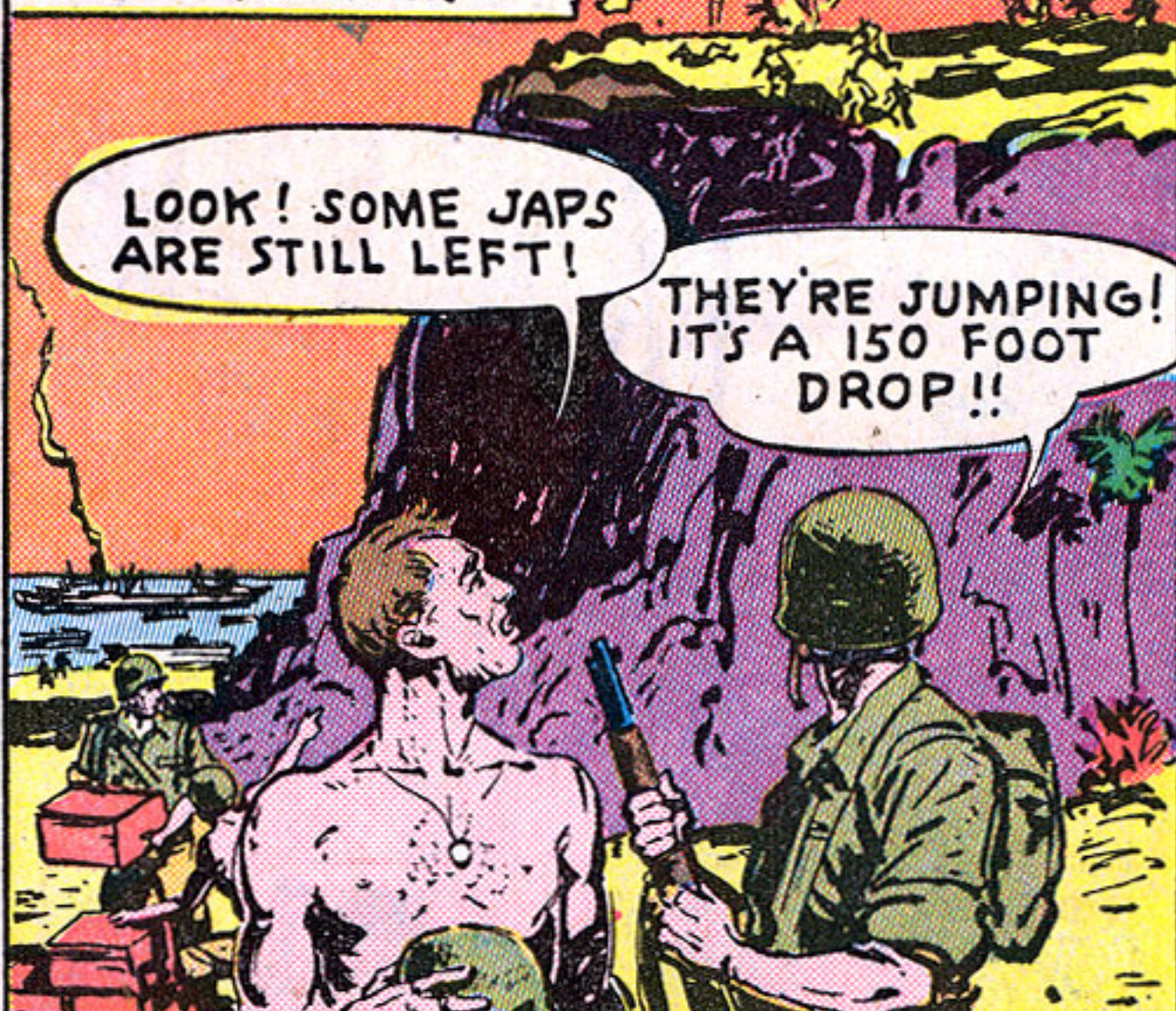
WITH VIRU VILLAGE WON. DIVE-BOMBERS SMASH THE JAP'S SHORE BATTERIES!!



AND THAT AFTERNOON, THE ARMY TRANSPORTS MOVED IN.

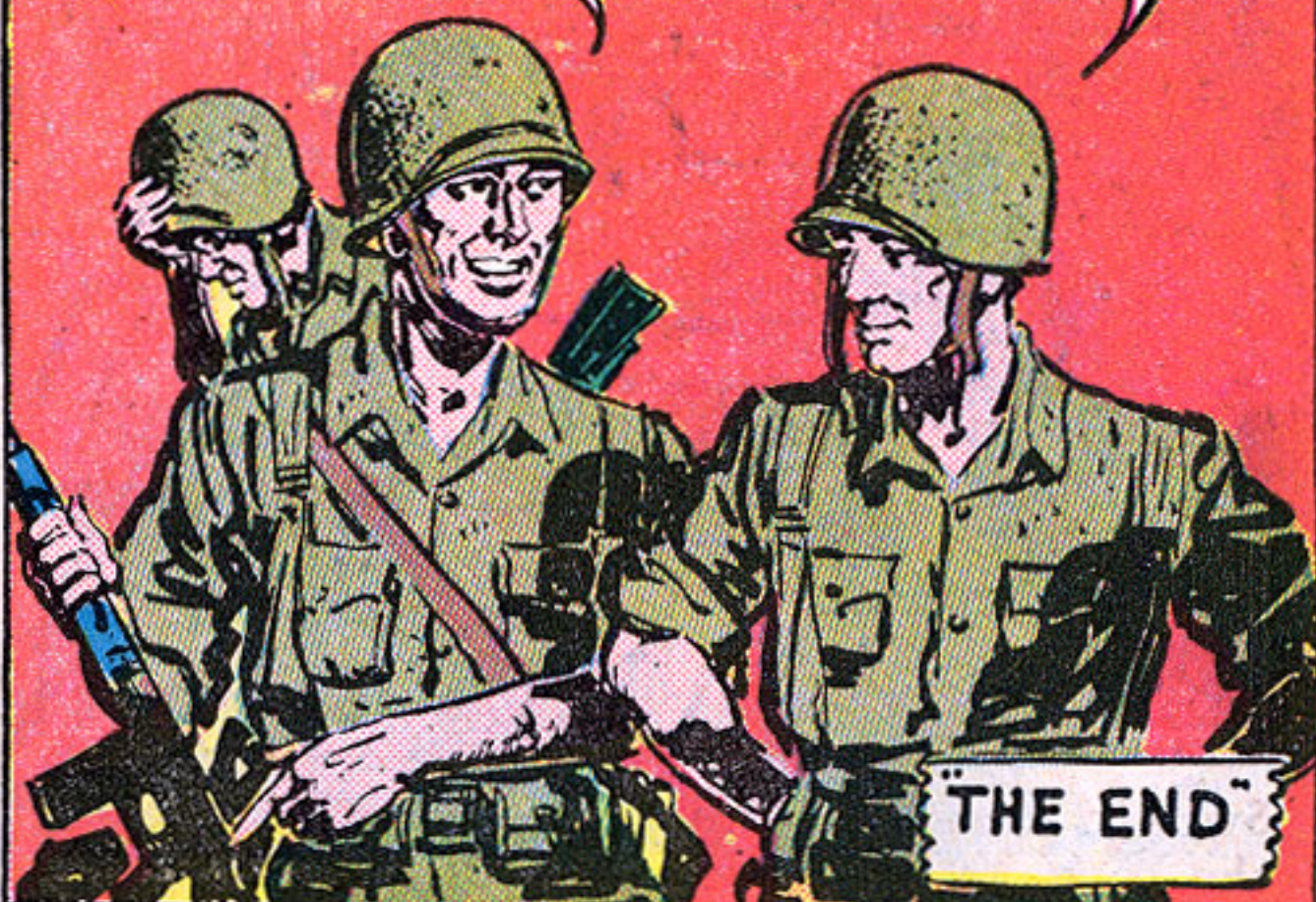


NEXT MORNING



KINDA SYMBOLICAL, HEY? ALL THE NIPS'LL BE JUMPING OFF LIKE THAT SOME DAY!!

CRAZY CRITTERS!



Preview shots from the new action-packed motion picture

'GUADALCANAL DIARY'

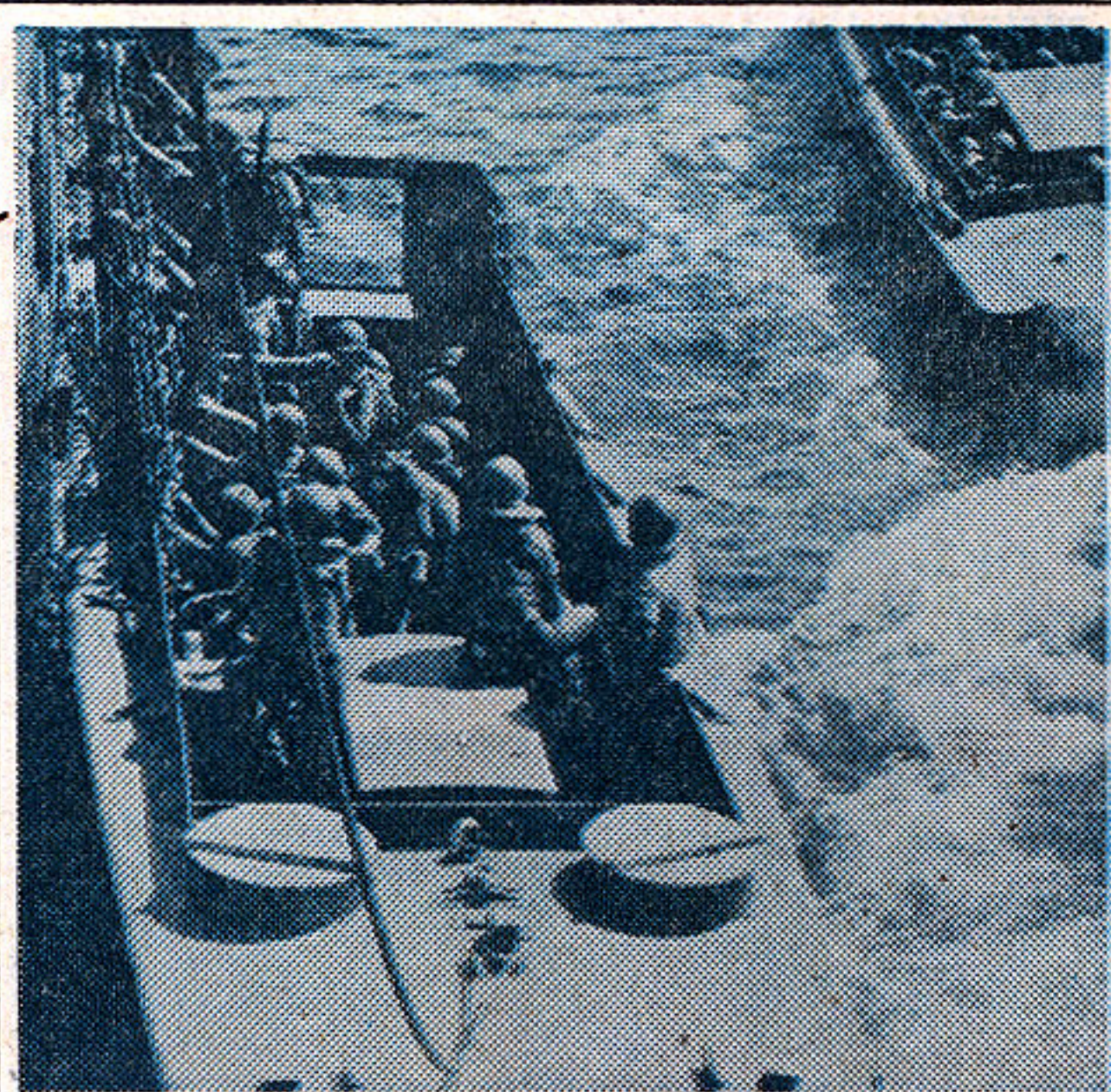
RECENTLY completed and to be released this Fall is the 20th Century-Fox Production of Richard Tregaskis' best seller GUADALCANAL DIARY.

Tregaskis, a Foreign Correspondent for the International News Service, accompanied the U. S. Marines on their long trek across the Pacific to the Solomon Islands. He landed with them when they established a beach-head on Guadalcanal and he remained with them during the bitter and bloody months of fighting with the Japs.

In filming the book it was necessary to keep the picture as realistic and authentic as possible. From the scenes on this and the following pages, it is apparent that this purpose has been achieved.



William Bendix as *Taxi Potts* plays a leading role as a sentimental Leatherneck from Brooklyn.



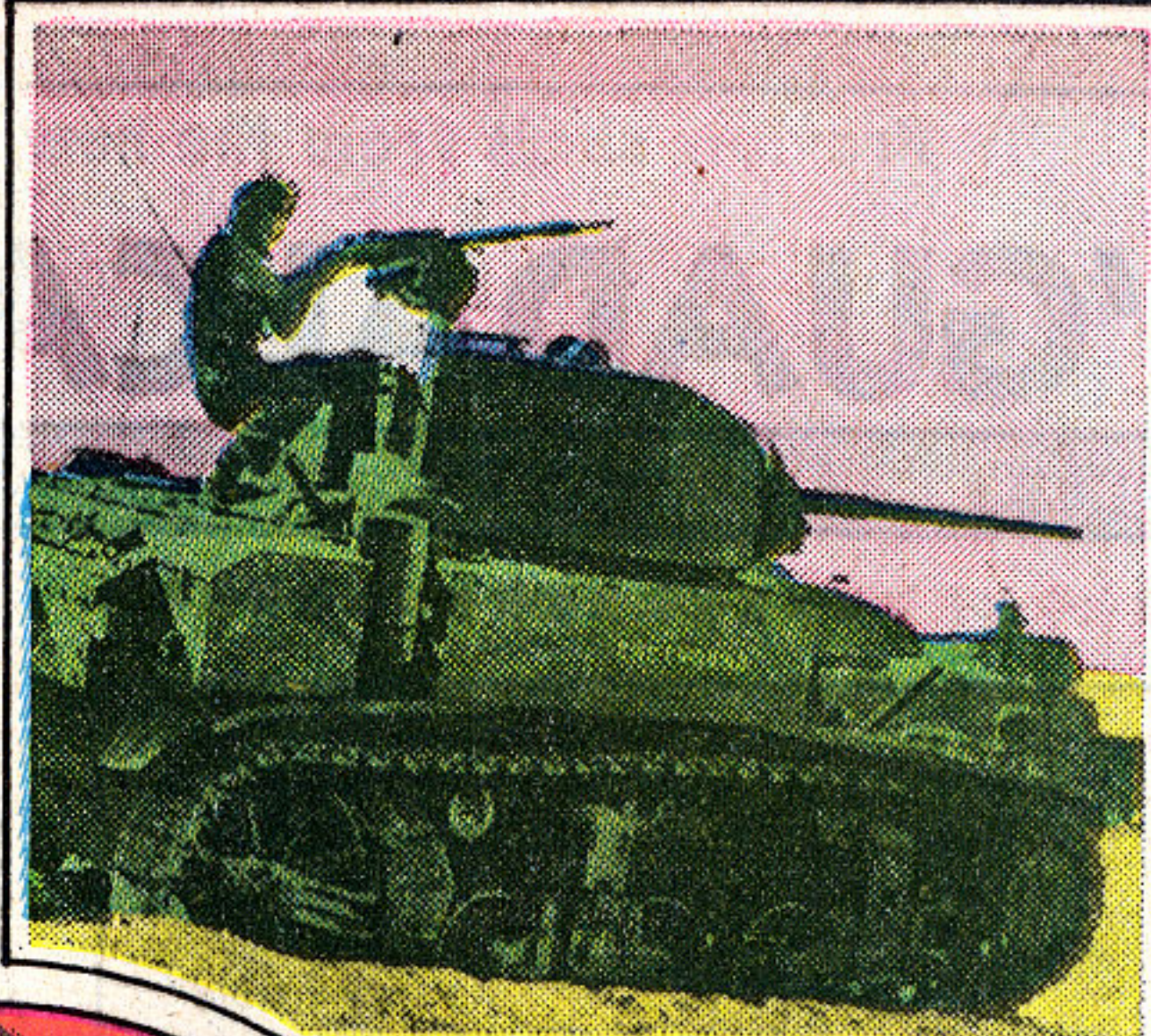
Swiftly scrambling into the invasion barges, the U. S. Marines prepare to attack Guadalcanal Island.



The Leathernecks catch the Japs by surprise, as is evidenced by the half-finished meals and warm cooking vessels. Lloyd Nolan, as *Gunner O'Hara*, samples a bit of Nipponese food.



At the Matanikau River, the Leathernecks are greeted with a withering rain of fire from the Japs.

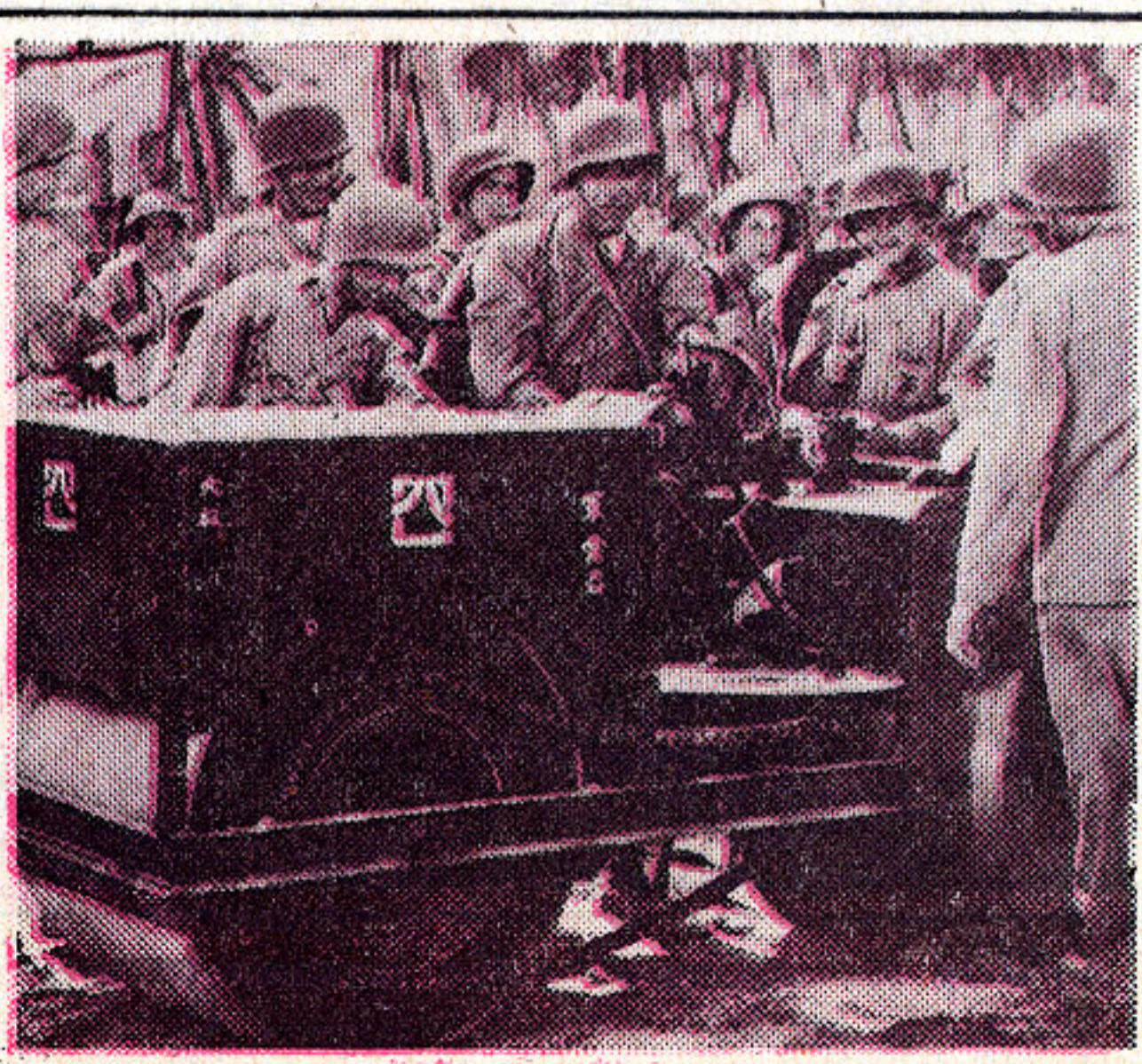


In the bloody battle of the Tenaru River, the Marines employ their tanks to good advantage in crowding the Japs into the sea.



Preston Foster portrays the staunch *Father Donnelly*, a Catholic priest attached to the U. S. Marine Corps.

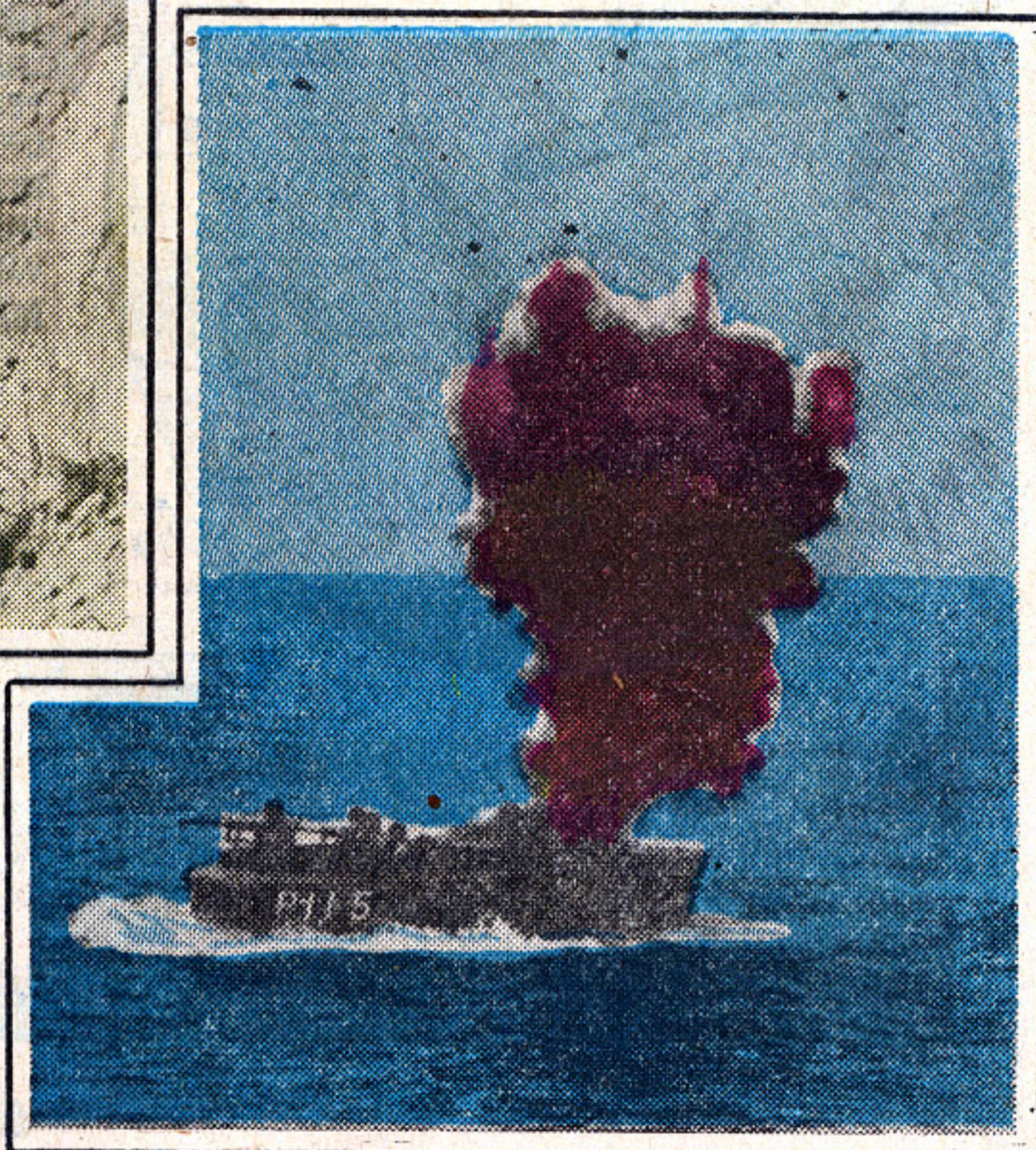
Lionel Stander's role as chef is a tasty one. Note the improvised stove—compare this shot with the one on page 37.



The Leathernecks examine a captured piece of Japanese machinery used in building the airfield at Guadalcanal.



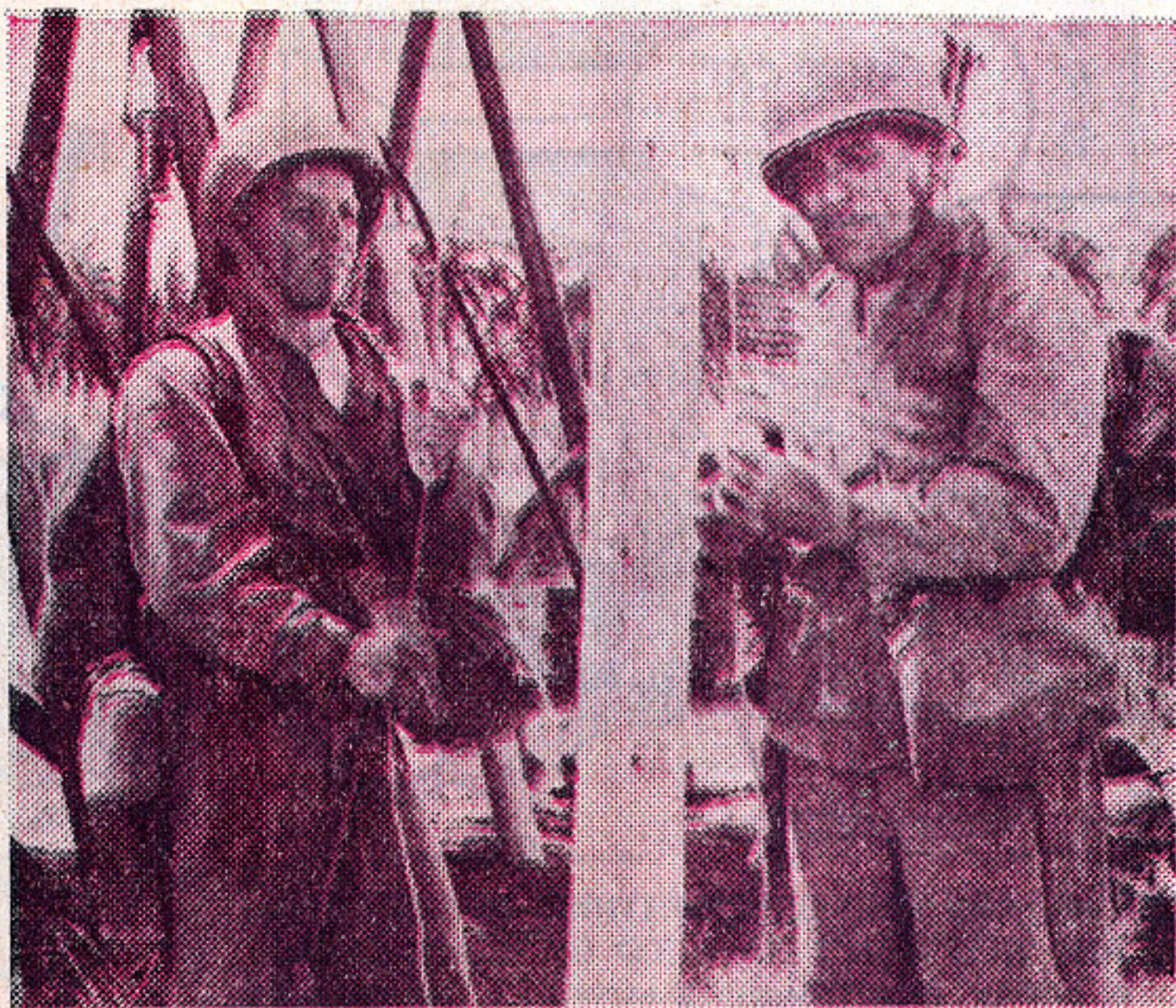
← The Japs, hidden in caves, are blasted out by the intrepid Marines. Here's a Leatherneck tossing the Nips a package of dynamite.



A Jap submarine opens fire with its deck gun and scores a direct hit on a group of Marines in a Higgins landing boat. →



Pvt. Johnny Anderson, played by Richard Jaeckel, though obviously under age to be a Marine, nevertheless lives up to every meaning of the name Leatherneck.



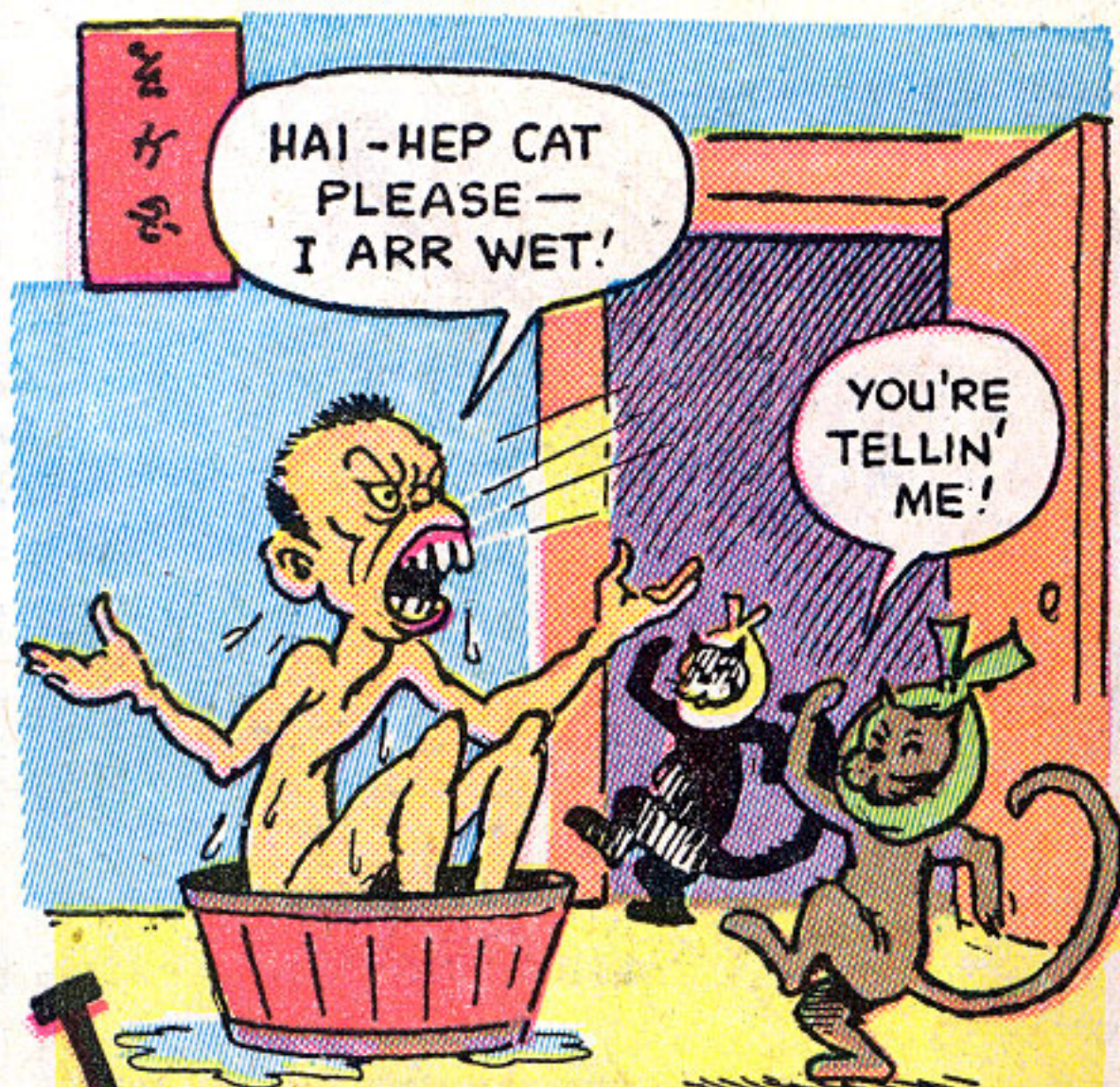
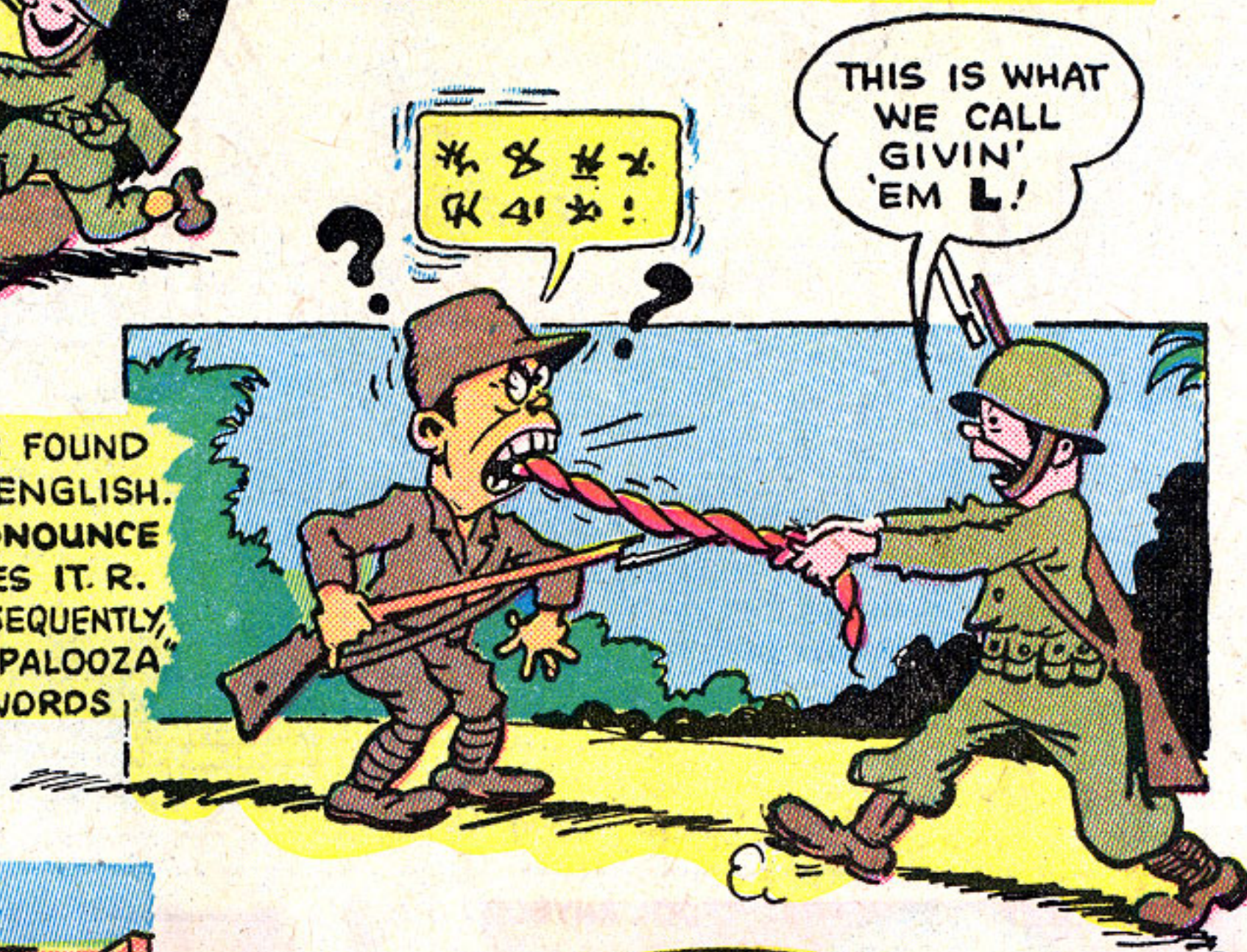
Johnny and Taxi raise a small American flag—symbolical of the U. S. Marines having the situation well in hand!

THE SLAP-HAPPY JAPS

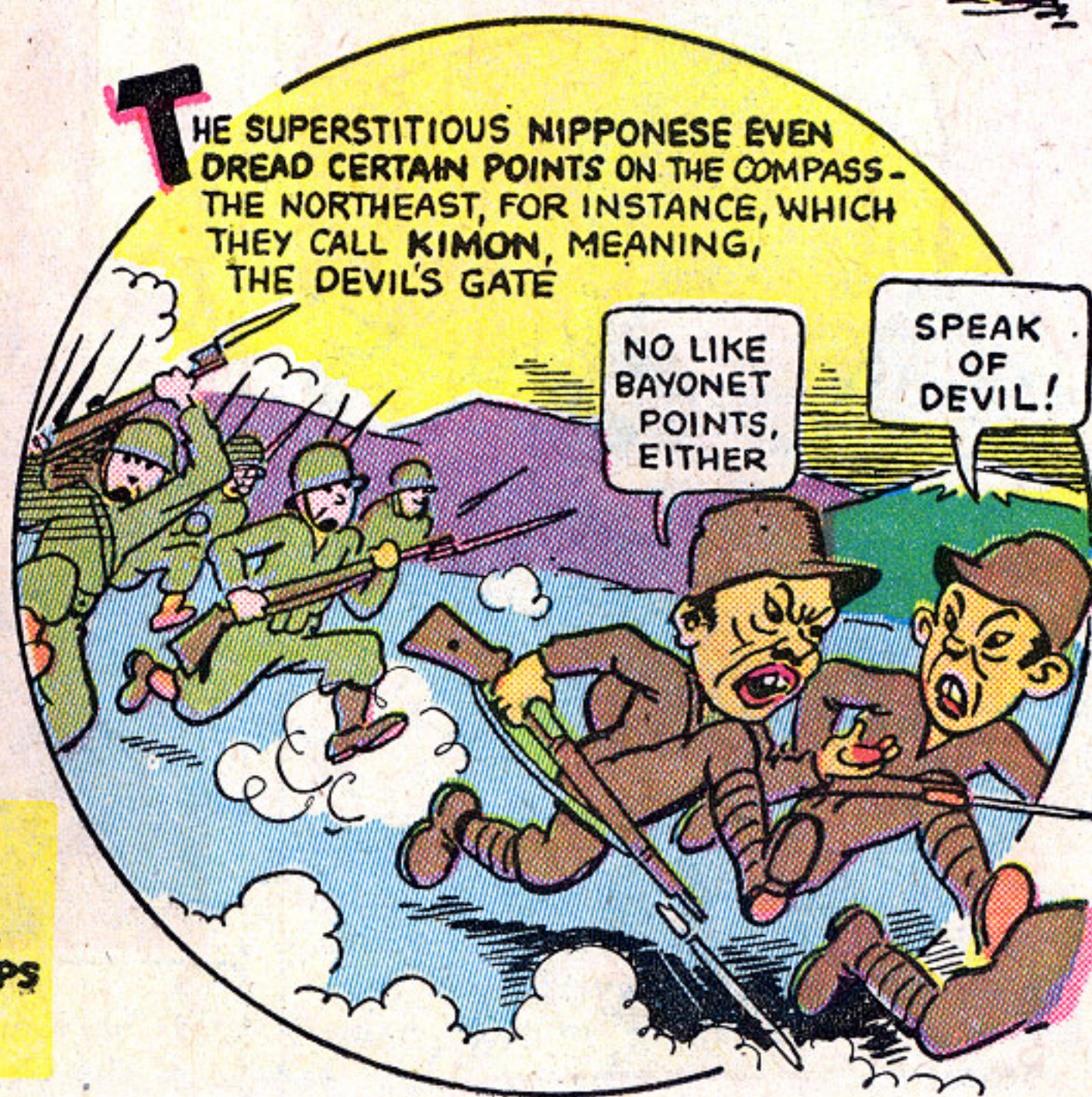


THE JAPS ARE SO USED TO MANUFACTURING JUNK THAT EVEN IN THE IMPORTANT ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR THEY DROPPED QUITE A NUMBER OF ERSATZ BOMBS — MANY OF WHICH FAILED TO EXPLODE. THESE BOMBS WERE OLD ARTILLERY SHELLS TO WHICH PLYWOOD VANES HAD BEEN WIRED, AND THE POWDER IN THEM WAS MADE IN 1902!

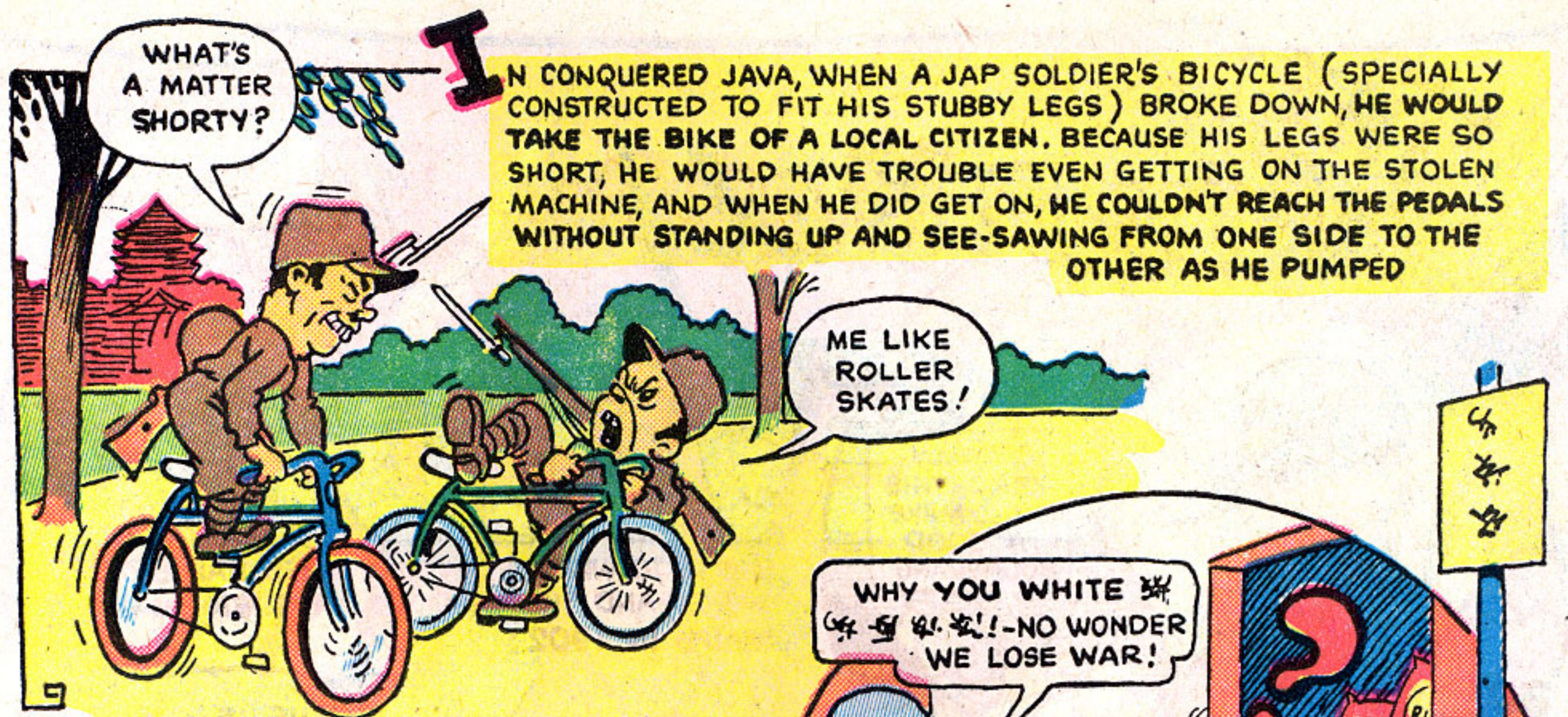
MARINES IN THE SOLOMONS FOUND JAP QUICK AT PICKING UP ENGLISH. HOWEVER, A JAP CANNOT PRONOUNCE THE LETTER, L. HE PRONOUNCES IT R. SAYS "HERRO, FOR "HELLO." CONSEQUENTLY, MARINES USE WORDS LIKE "LALLAPALOOZA" AND "WALLA WALLA" FOR PASS-WORDS.



JAPS ARE VERY SUPERSTITIOUS ABOUT CATS - AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE BLACK CATS. IN JAPAN, IF A TOWEL IS MISSING, THE OWNER THINKS THAT A CAT TOOK IT: BECAUSE THE NIPS BELIEVE THAT CATS WIND TOWELS AROUND THEIR HEADS AND DANCE!



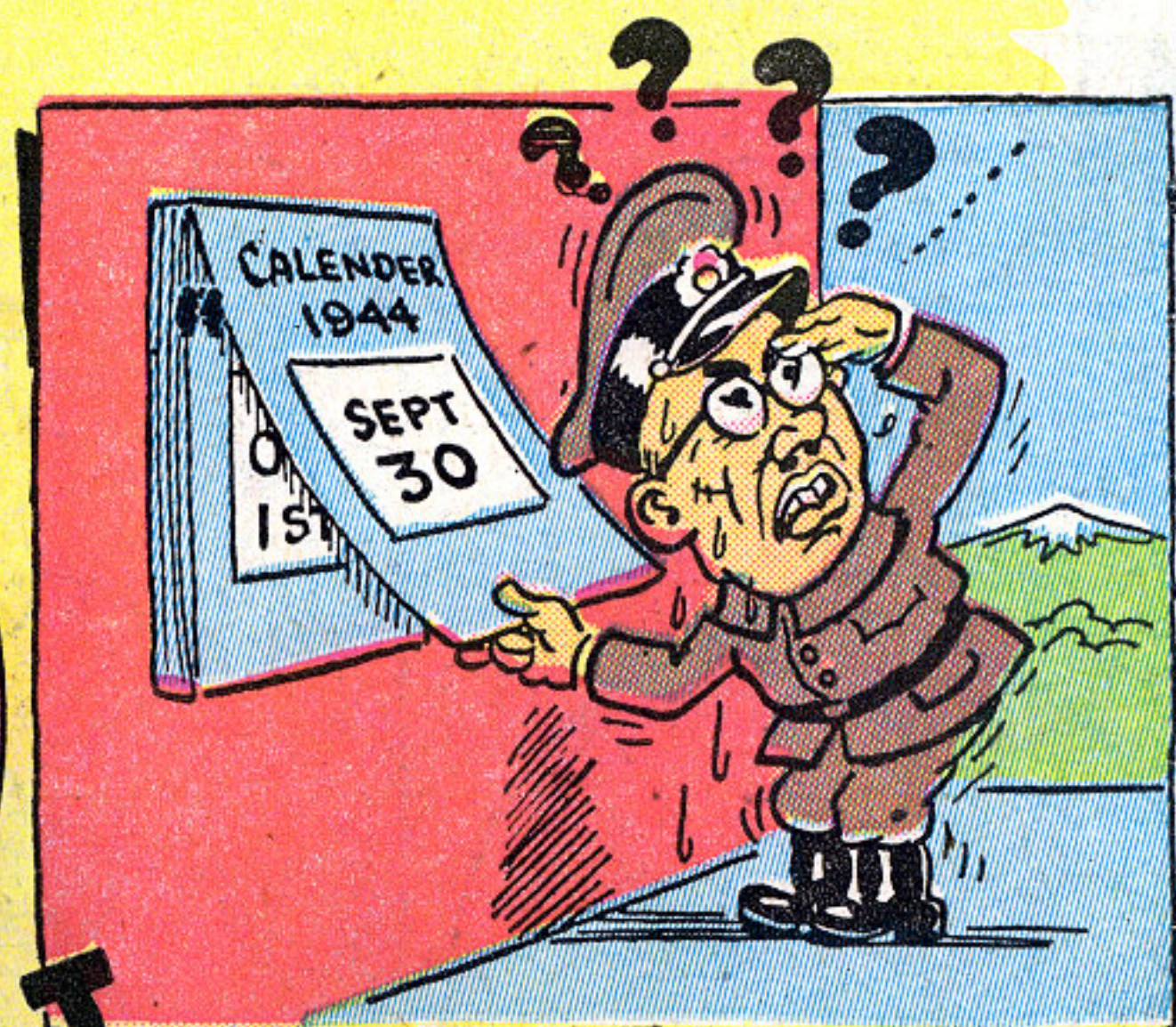
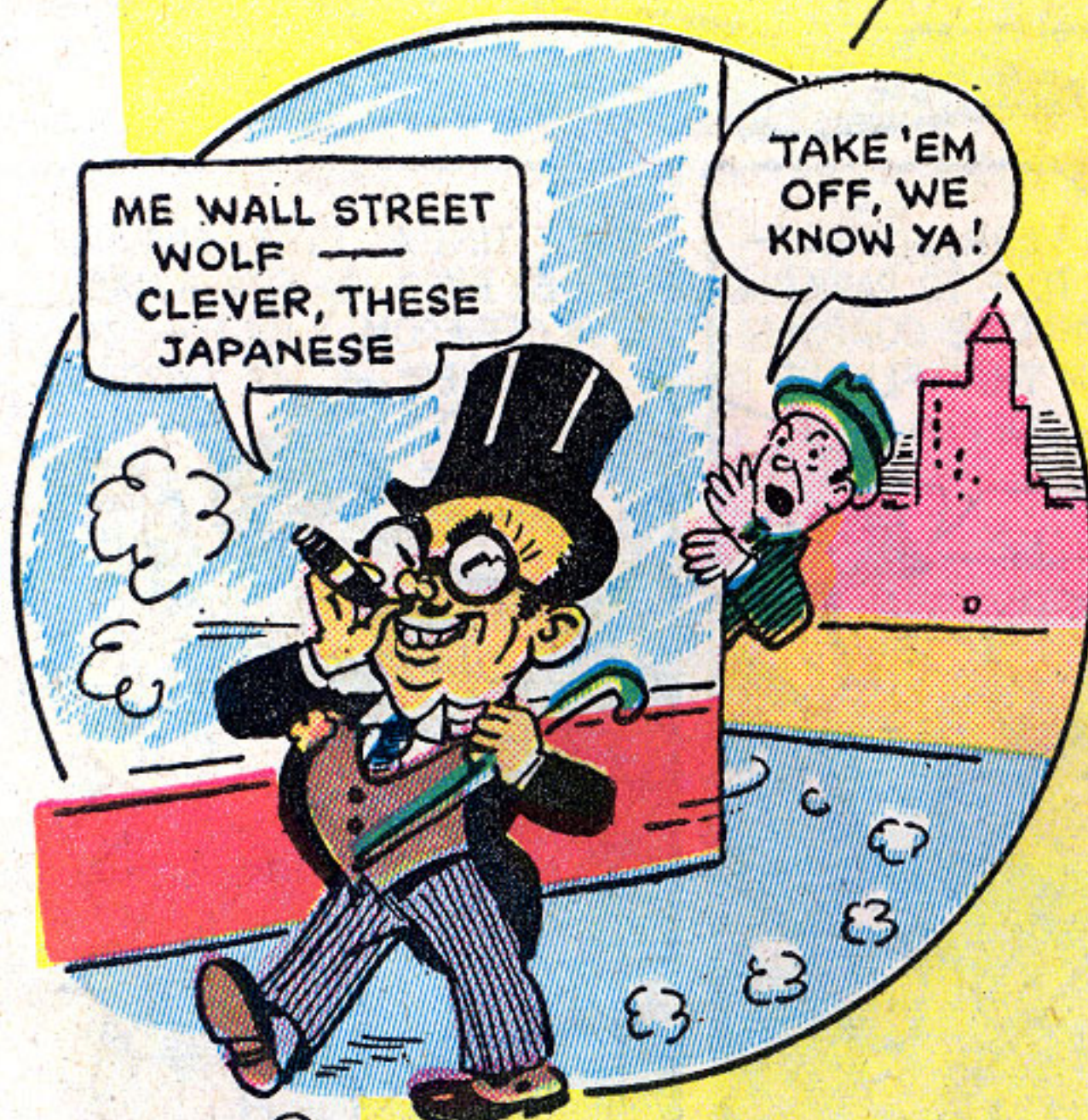
THE SUPERSTITIOUS NIPPONESE EVEN DREAD CERTAIN POINTS ON THE COMPASS - THE NORTHEAST, FOR INSTANCE, WHICH THEY CALL KIMON, MEANING, THE DEVIL'S GATE



WHAT AMERICANS CALL "BLACK MARKET," THE JAPS CALL "THE WHITE MARKET." OH, YES, THE NIPS HAVE TRAITORS TOO!



JAPS OFTEN DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS NATIVES OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY ARE FIGHTING, BUT THEY RARELY FOOL ANYBODY



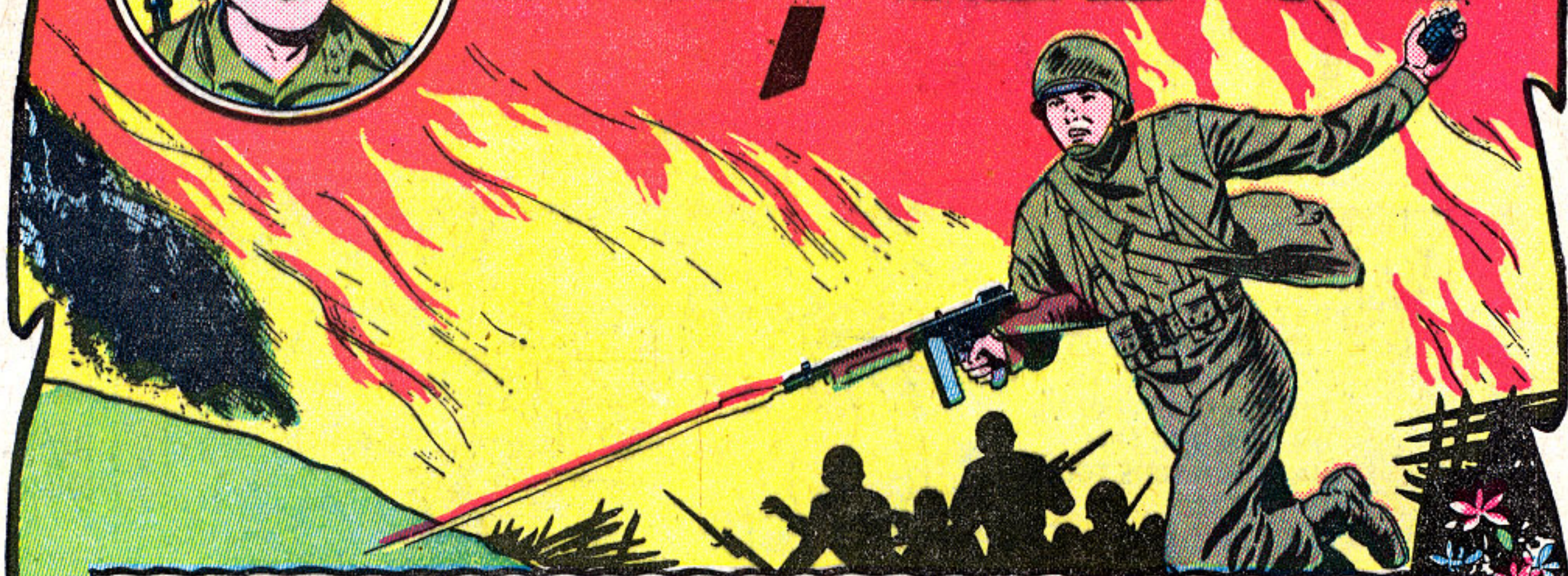
JAPS WORRY ABOUT STATEMENT OF GENERAL "HAP" ARNOLD, CHIEF OF THE U.S. AIR FORCES. SAID ARNOLD: "I HAVE A DATE IN BERLIN NEXT APRIL 1ST - AND SIX MONTHS AFTER, IN TOKYO!"

Johnny

by
MART
BAILEY



DEVILDOG



JOHNNY DEVILDOG USED TO BE THE KID AROUND THE CORNER. NOW HE'S A FIRST CLASS FIGHTING MAN IN THE WORLD'S FIGHTINGEST OUTFIT—THE UNITED STATES MARINES. ... JOHNNY SMASHED THE JAPS AT GUADALCANAL AND VIRU; HE CHASED THE JAPANESE OUT OF NEW GEORGIA.

SOME DAY SOON HE'LL MARCH DOWN THE STREETS OF TOKIO, AND HE'LL BE GRINNING LIKE A KID THROUGH THE BATTLE GRIME.... JOHNNY DEVILDOG?... HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CALLED JOHNNY AMERICAN....

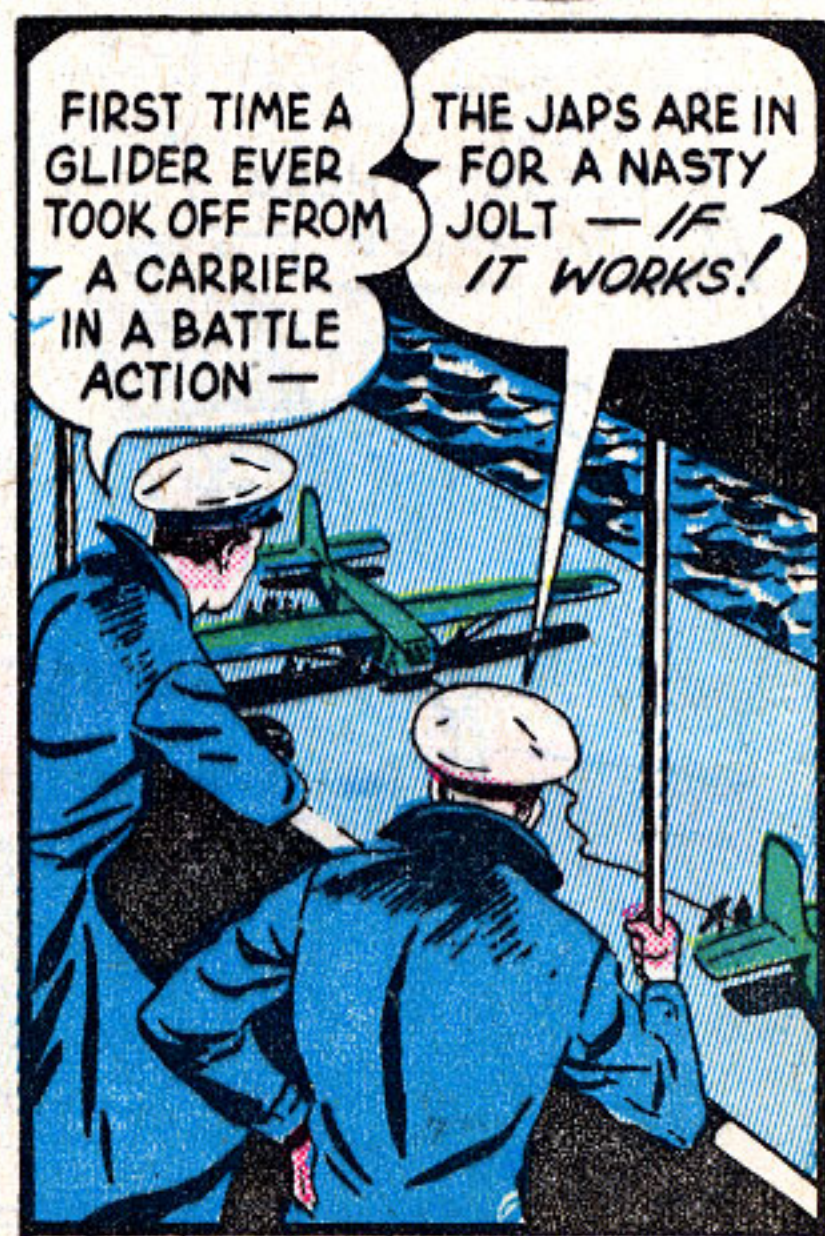
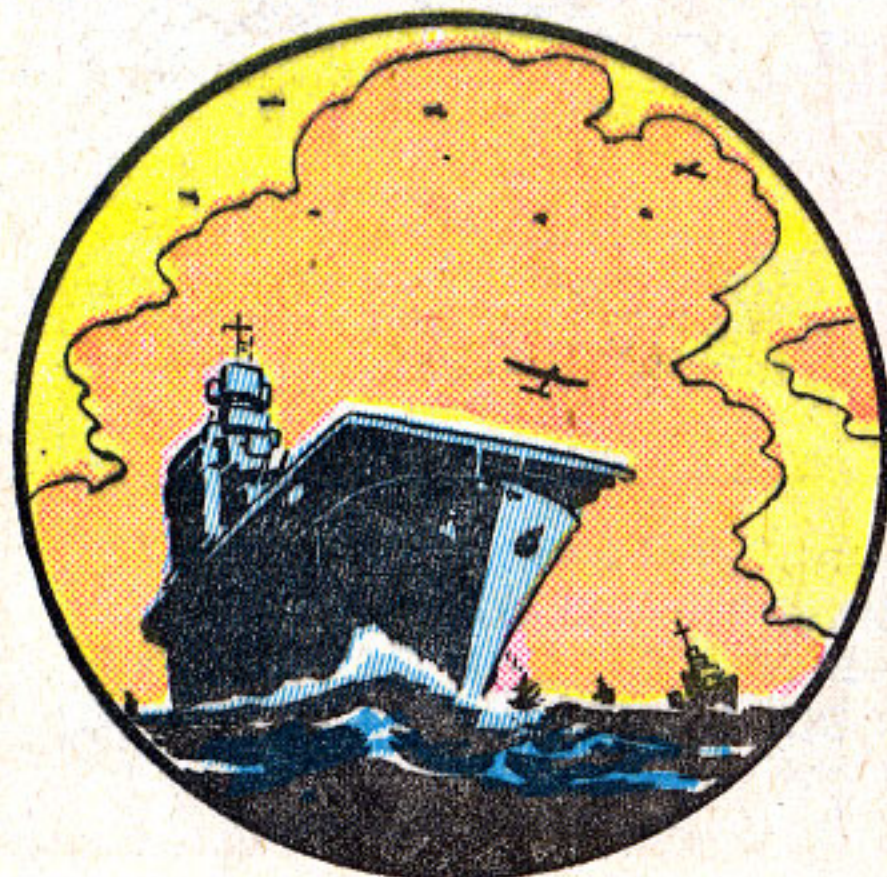
FOUR HOURS BEFORE DAWN... SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES NORTH OF A JAPANESE ISLAND, A UNITED STATES FLAT TOP SENDS ITS FIGHTERS INTO THE WINTRY SKY....

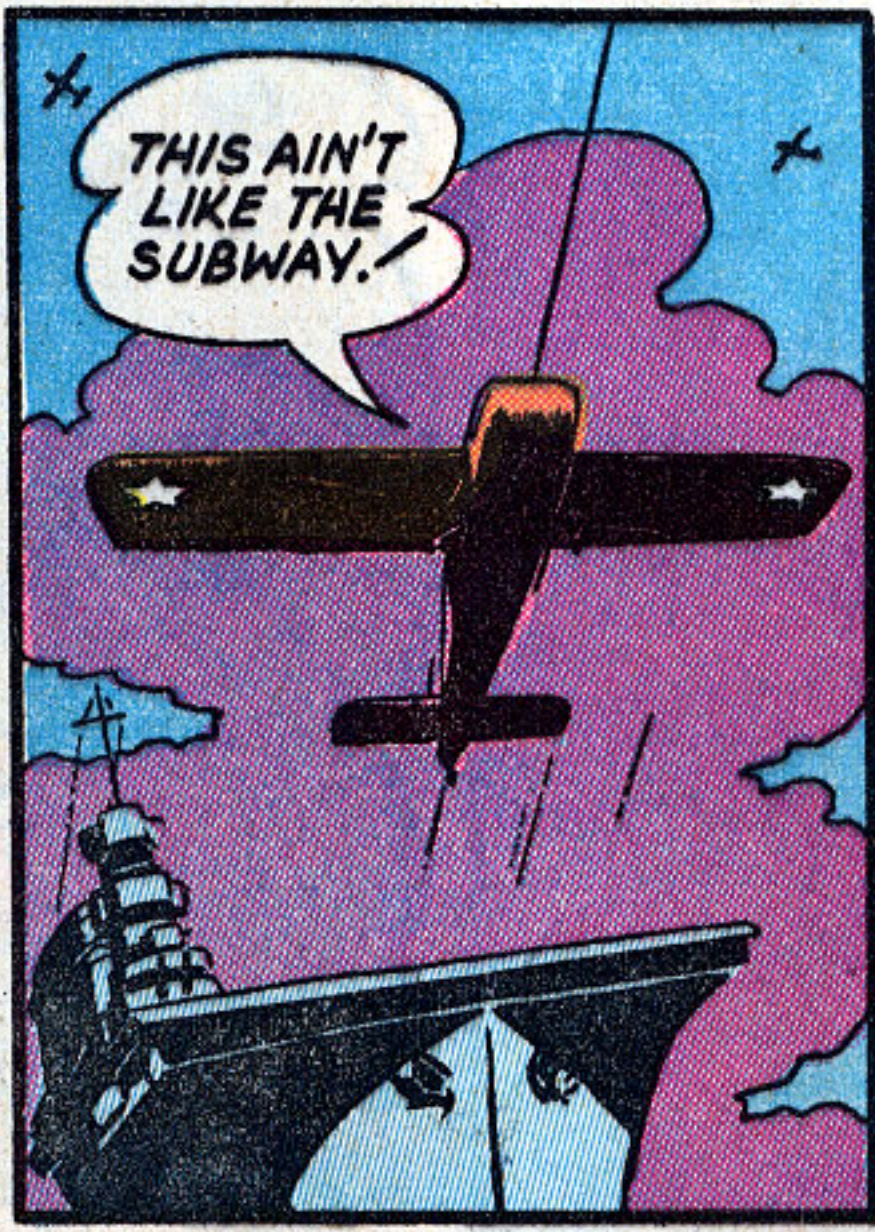
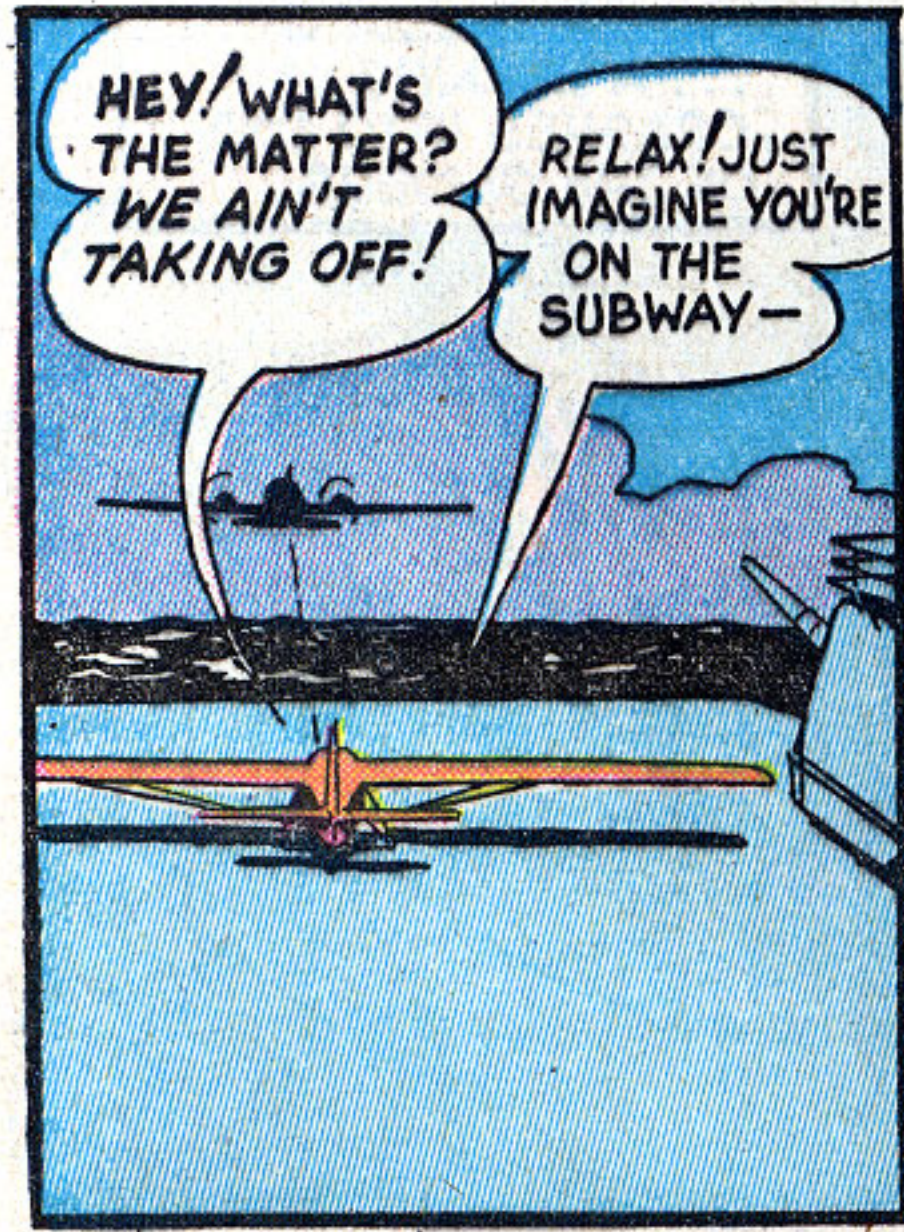
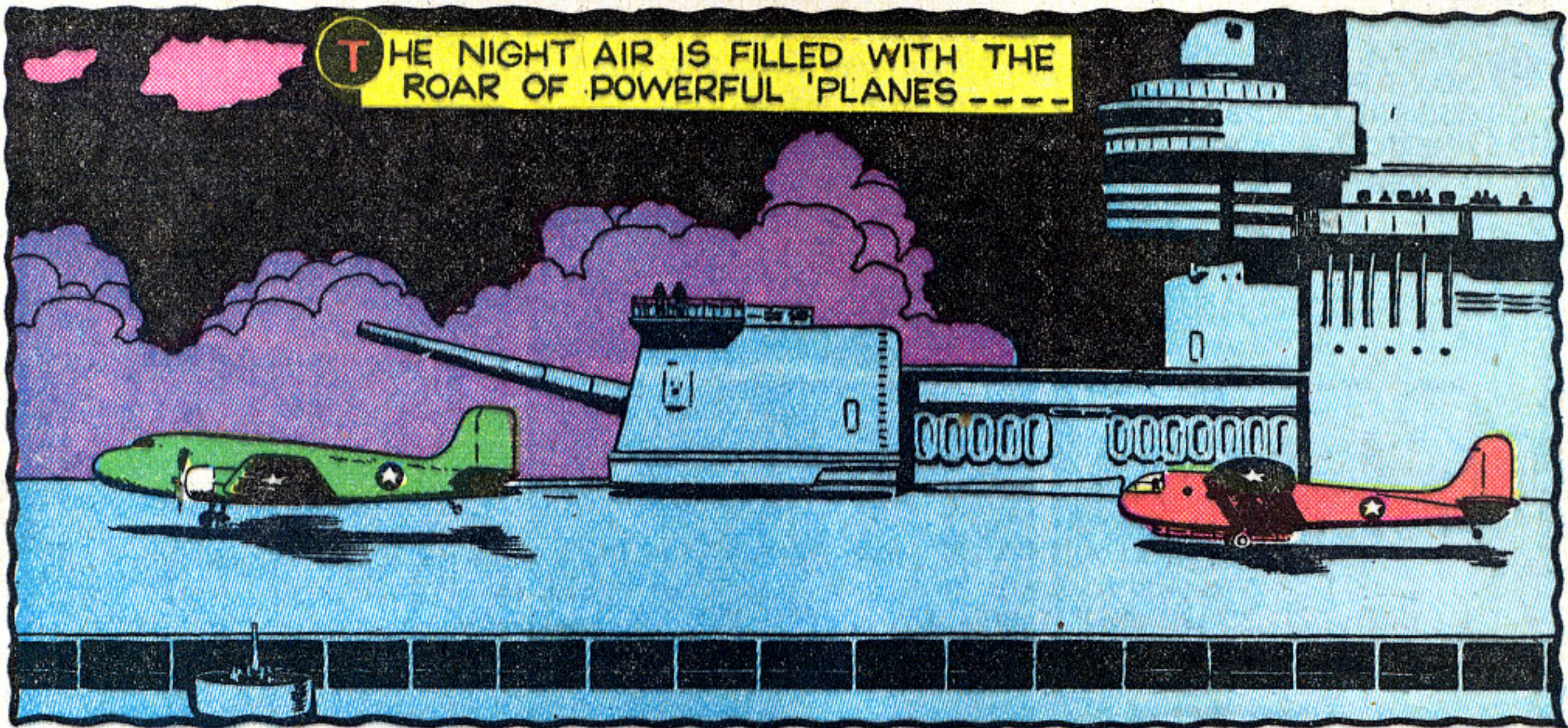
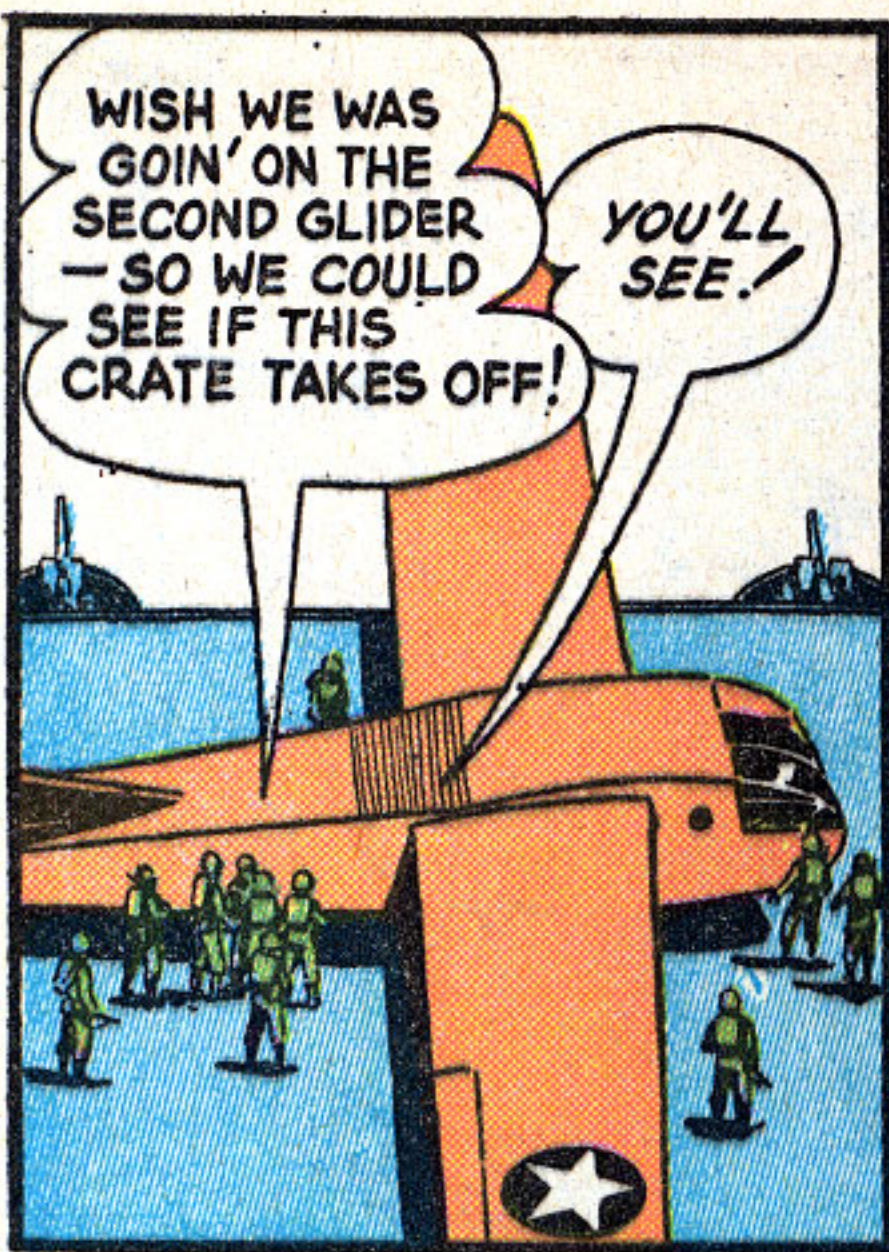
THERE GOES THE LAST OF THE ESCORT. GUESS IT'S OUR TURN NOW...

YEAH, JOHNNY—TIME TO PARK OUR MARINE CORPSES IN THAT FLYING COFFIN!

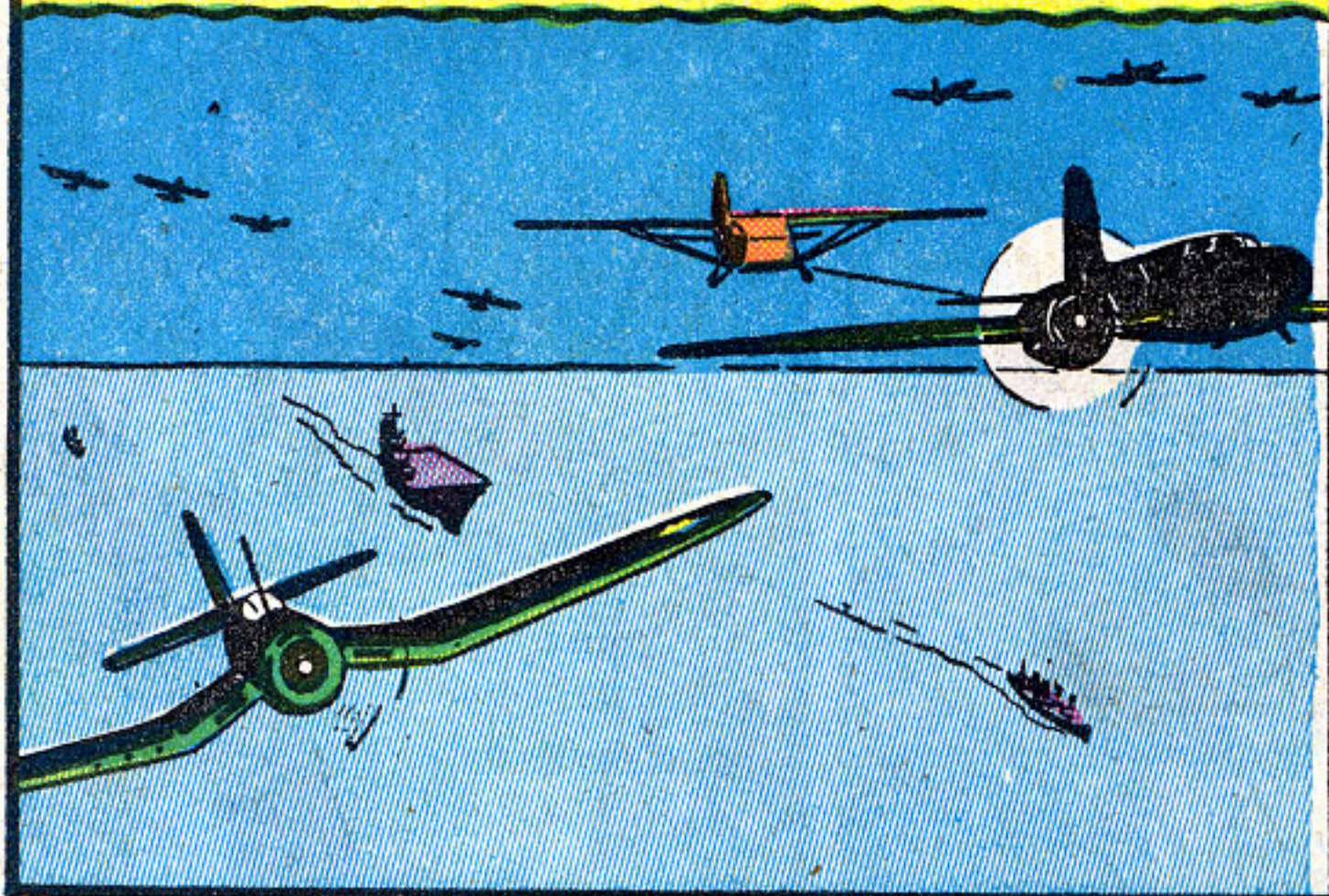
FIRST TIME A GLIDER EVER TOOK OFF FROM A CARRIER IN A BATTLE ACTION —

THE JAPS ARE IN FOR A NASTY JOLT — IF IT WORKS!





ANOTHER TROOP CARRYING GLIDER RISES FROM THE FLAT TOP A FEW MOMENTS LATER — AND TOGETHER THE FIGHTER ESCORT AND THE GLIDERS WING AWAY FOR A SURPRISE RENDEZVOUS WITH THE ENEMY. . . .

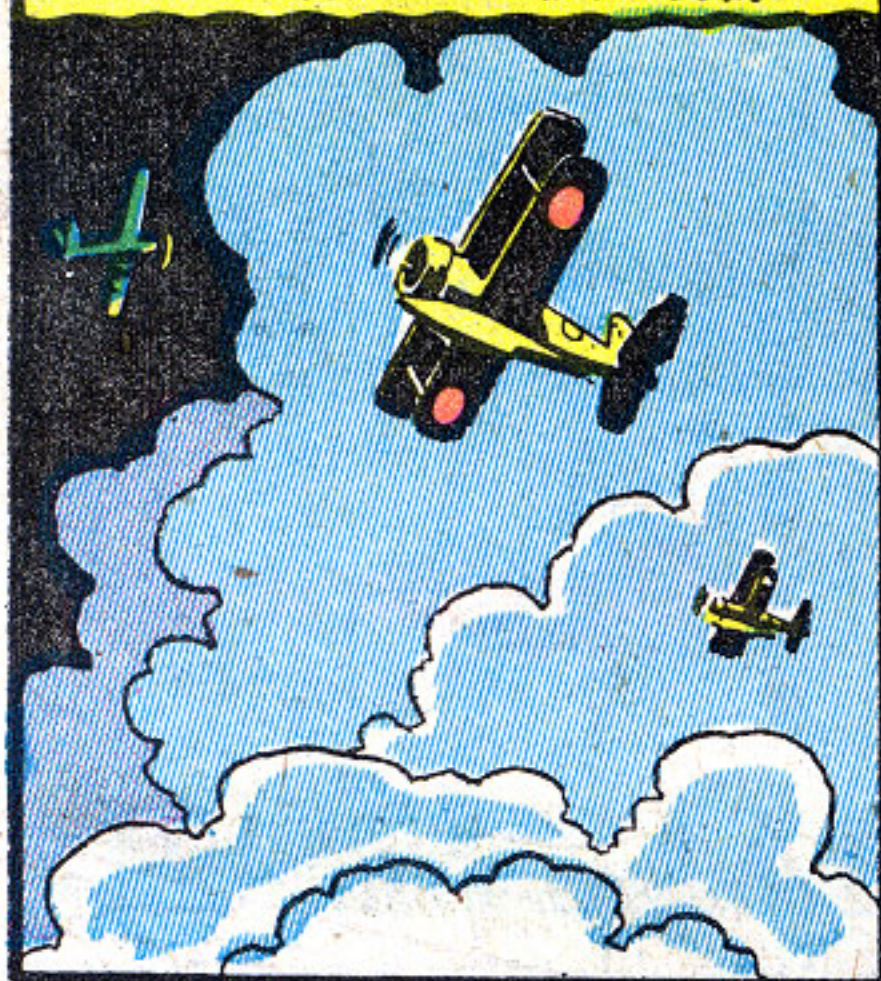


THINK WE'LL GET AWAY WITH THIS STUNT, JOHNNY?

SURE — IF THE SUBMARINE IS ON TIME TO TAKE US OFF THE ISLAND!

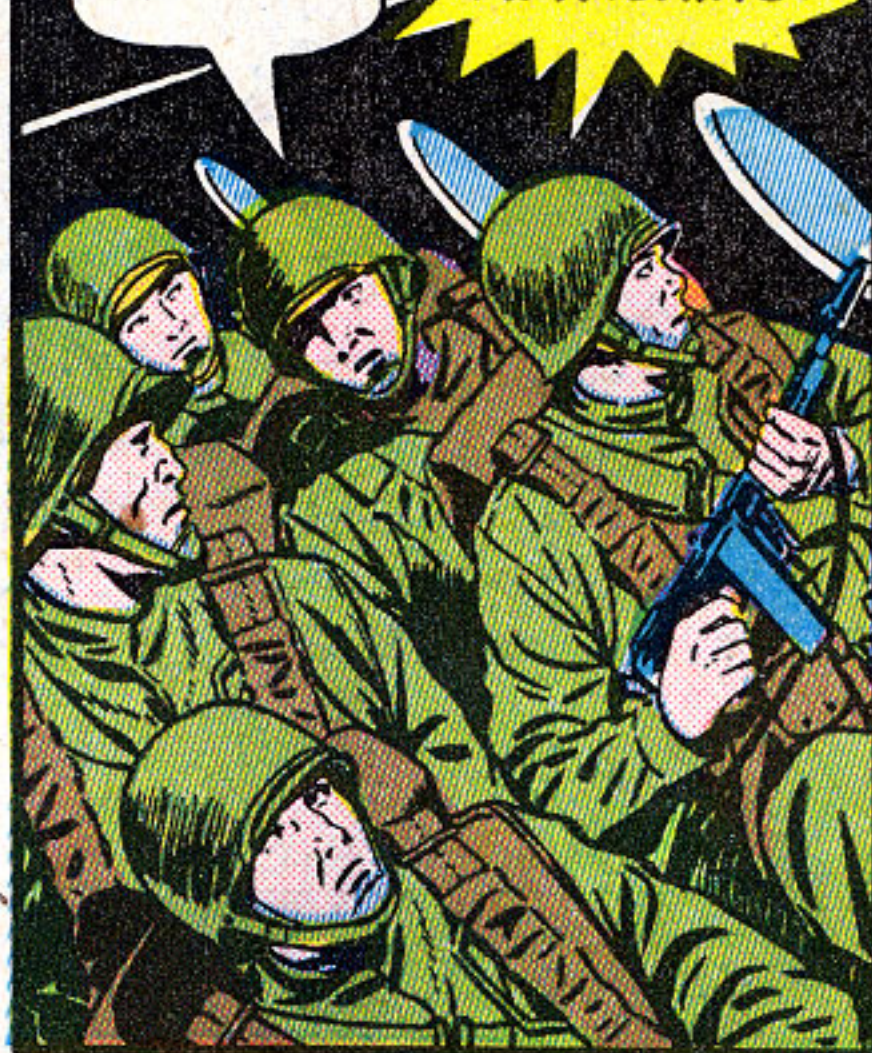


SUDDENLY, TWO JAPANESE SCOUT PLANES BLUNDER THROUGH THE CLOUDS AMONG THE AMERICAN ARMADA. . . .

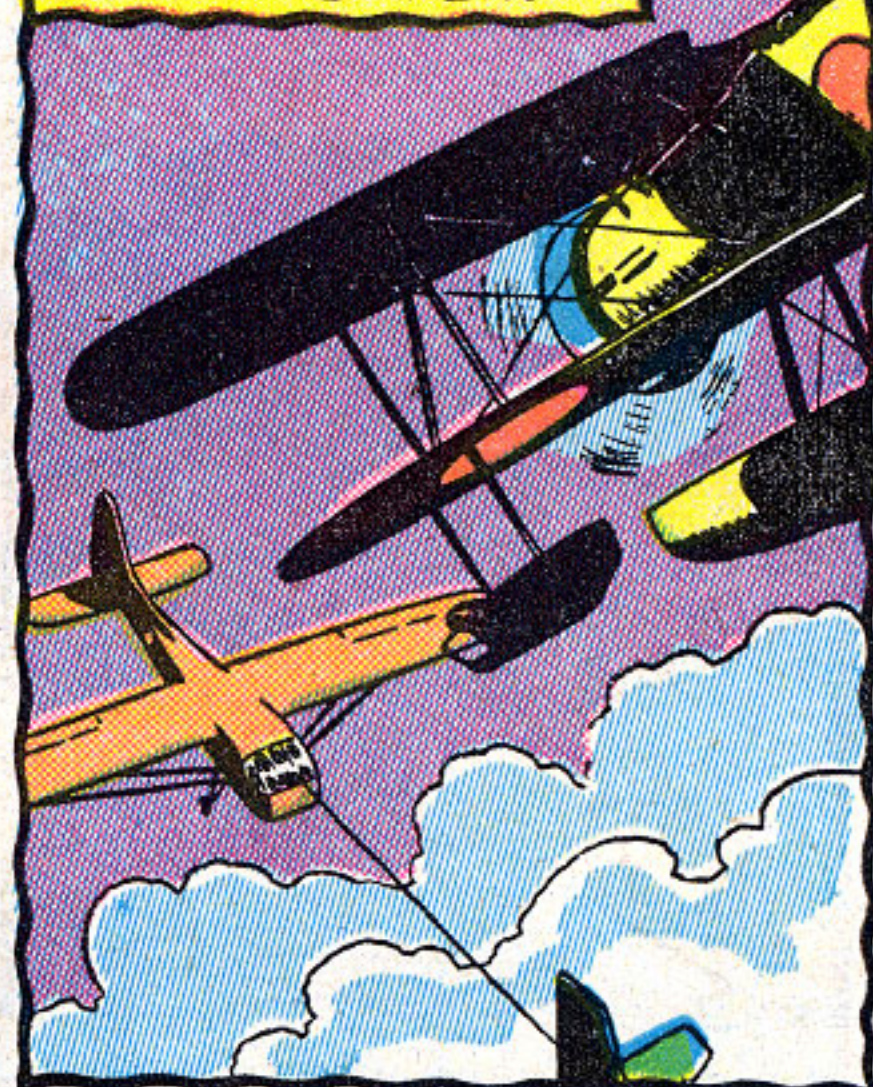


HEY! WHAT'S UP — ?

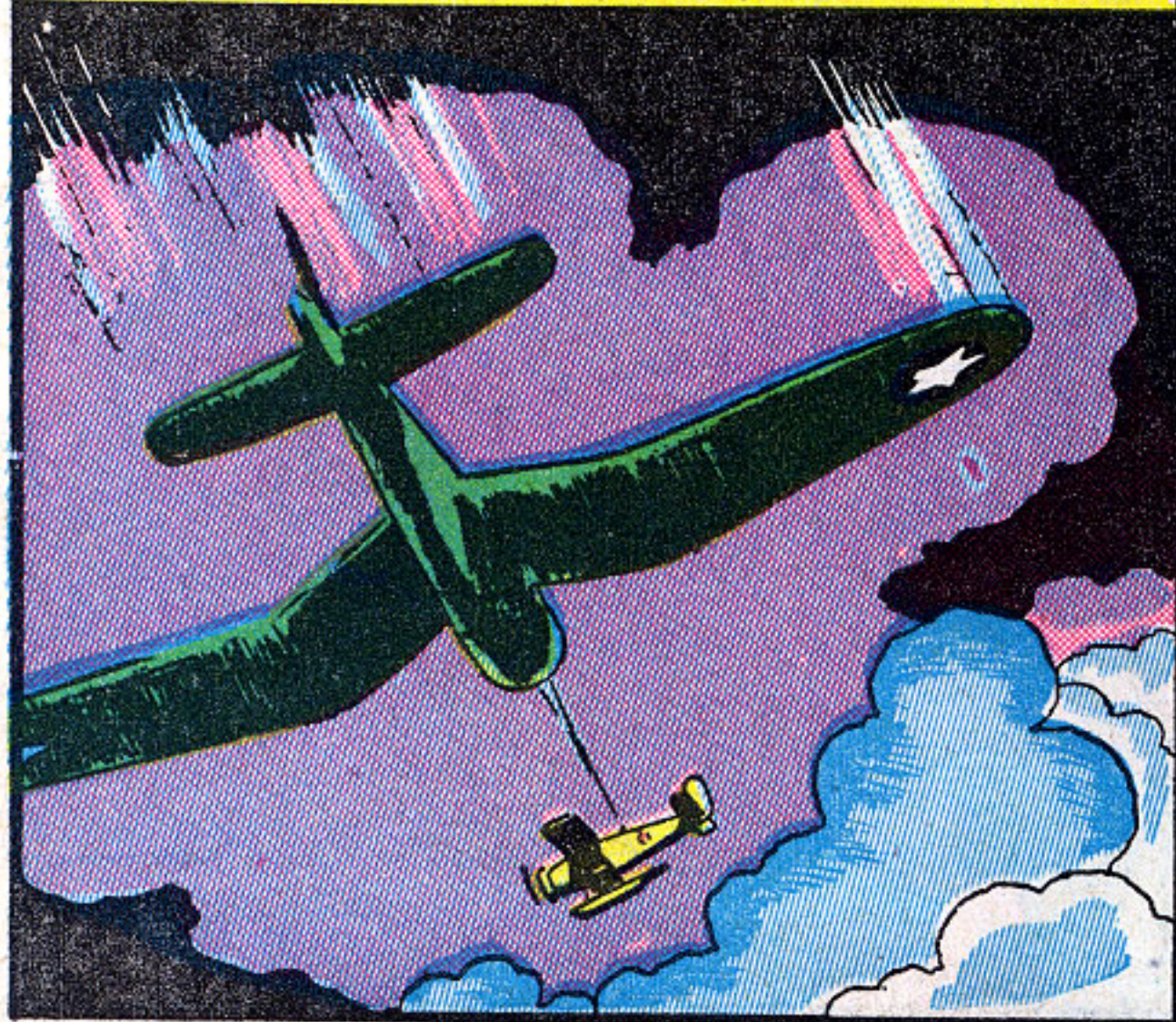
JAP PLANES ATTACKING!



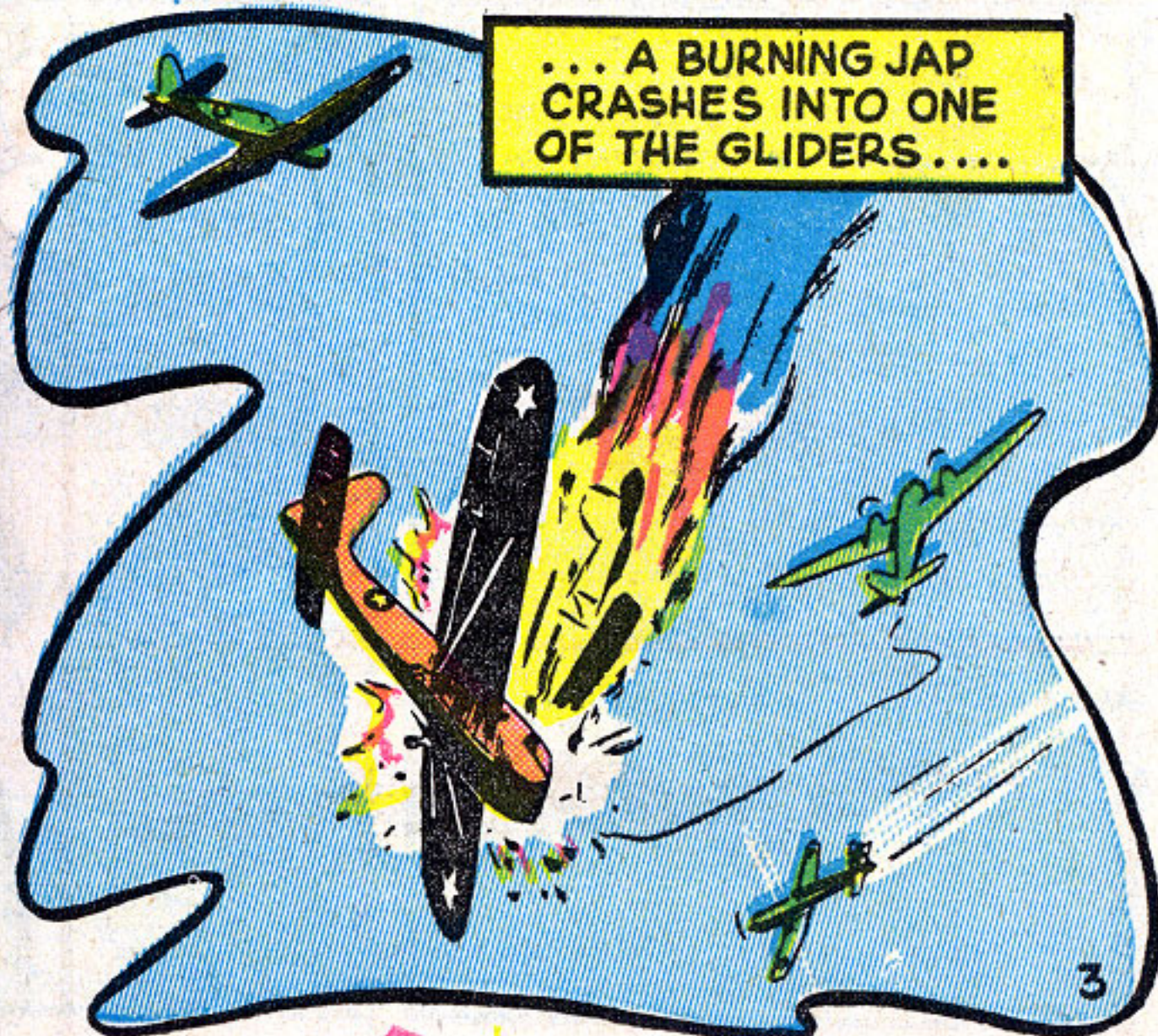
THE JAPS PICK EASY TARGETS — THE GLIDERS.!

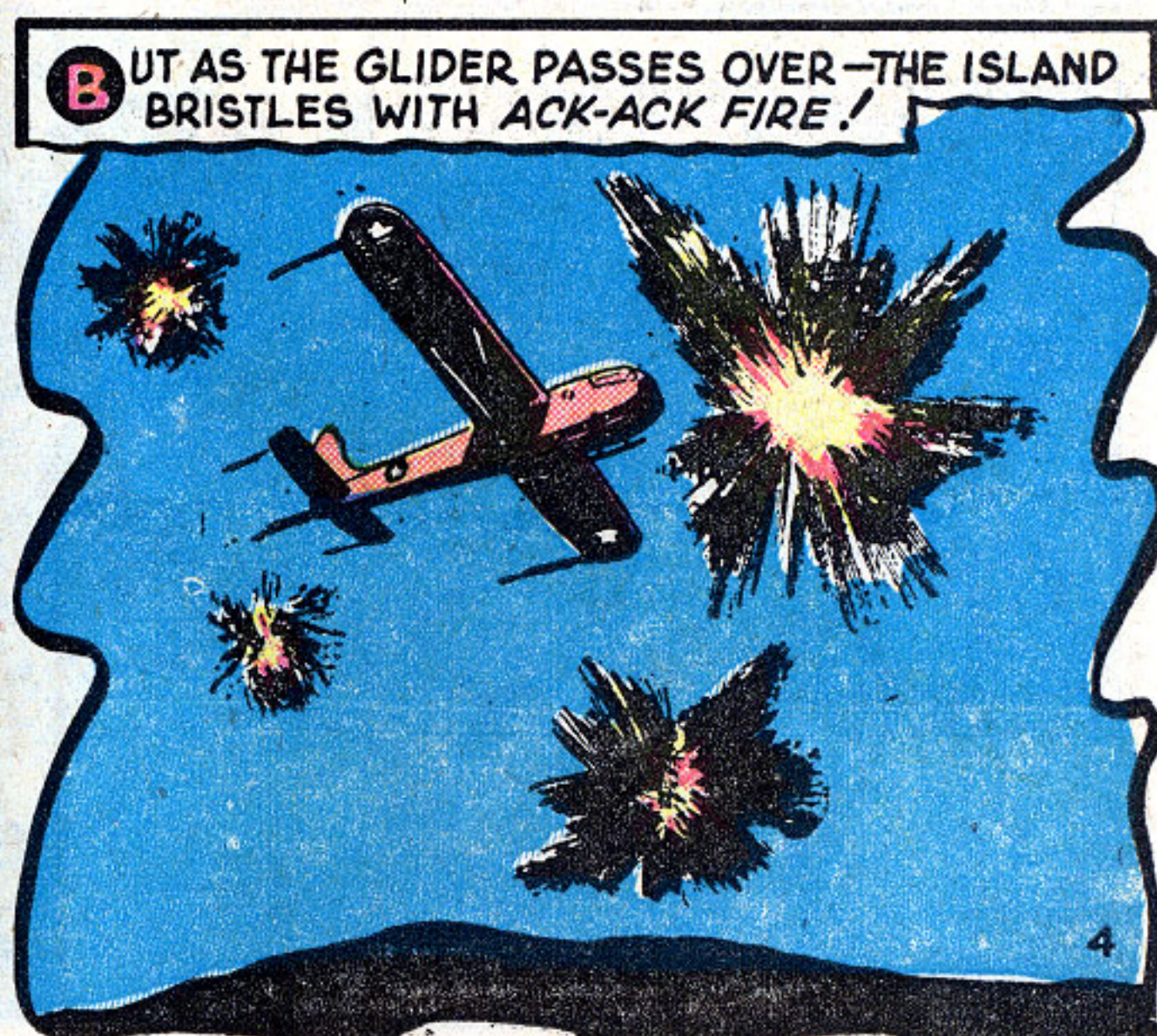
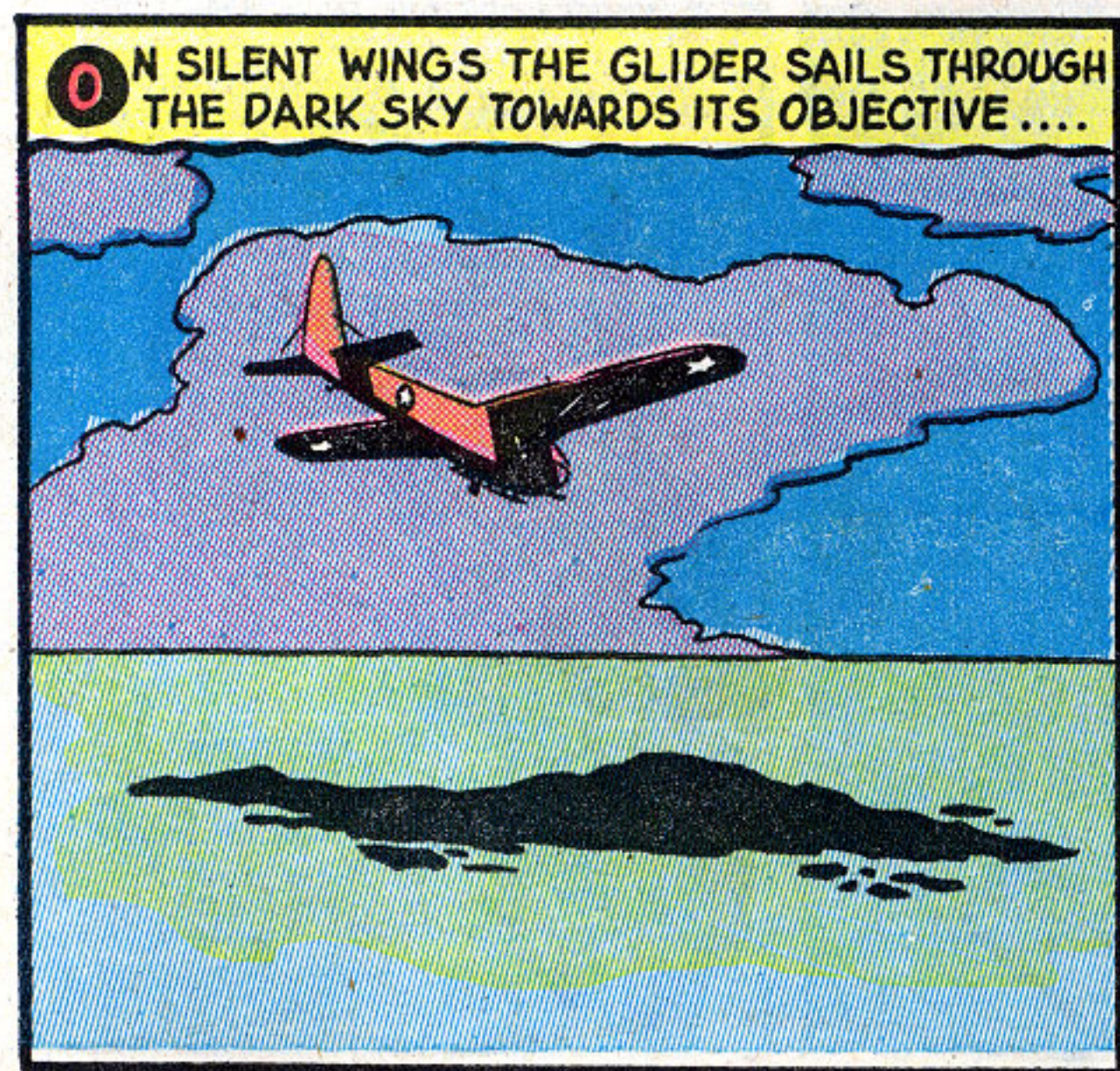
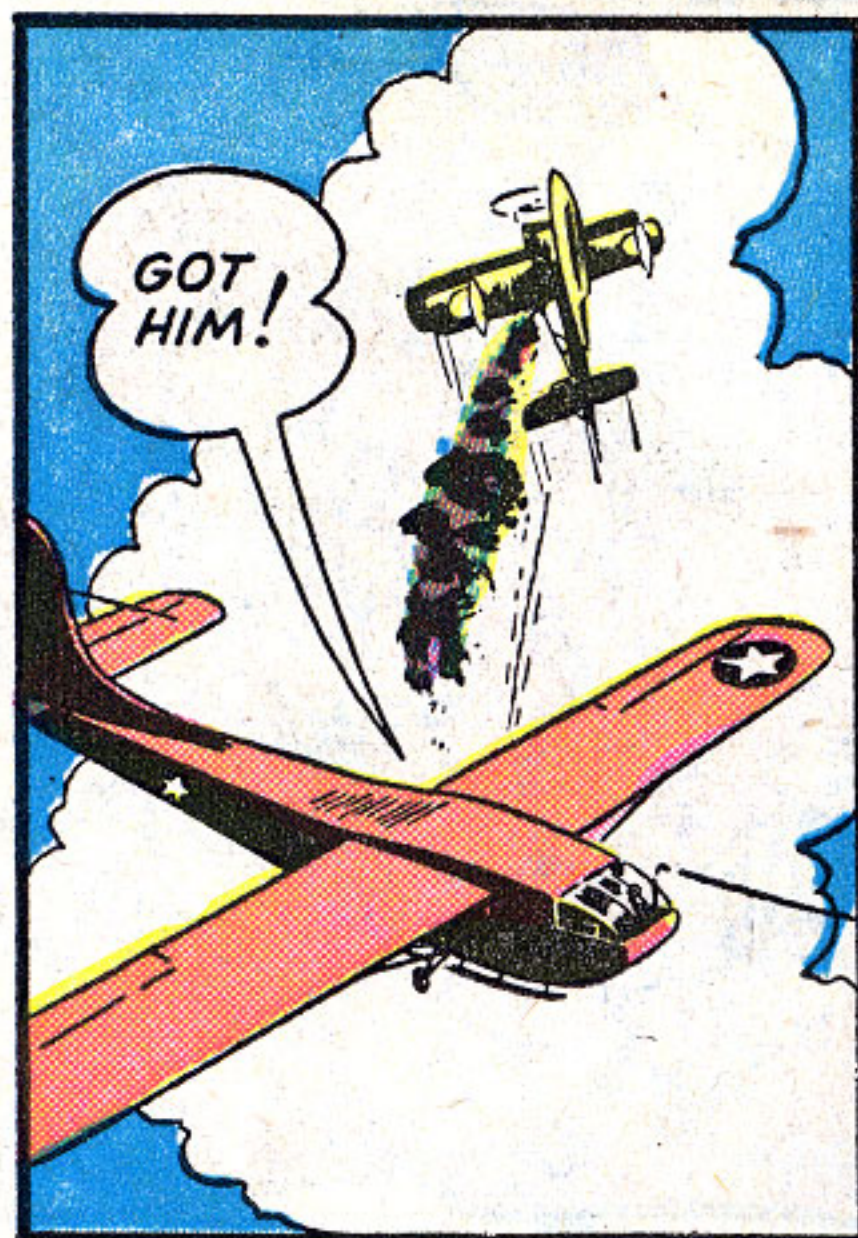


THE CORSAIR ESCORT WHIRLS TO THE ATTACK



... A BURNING JAP CRASHES INTO ONE OF THE GLIDERS. . . .



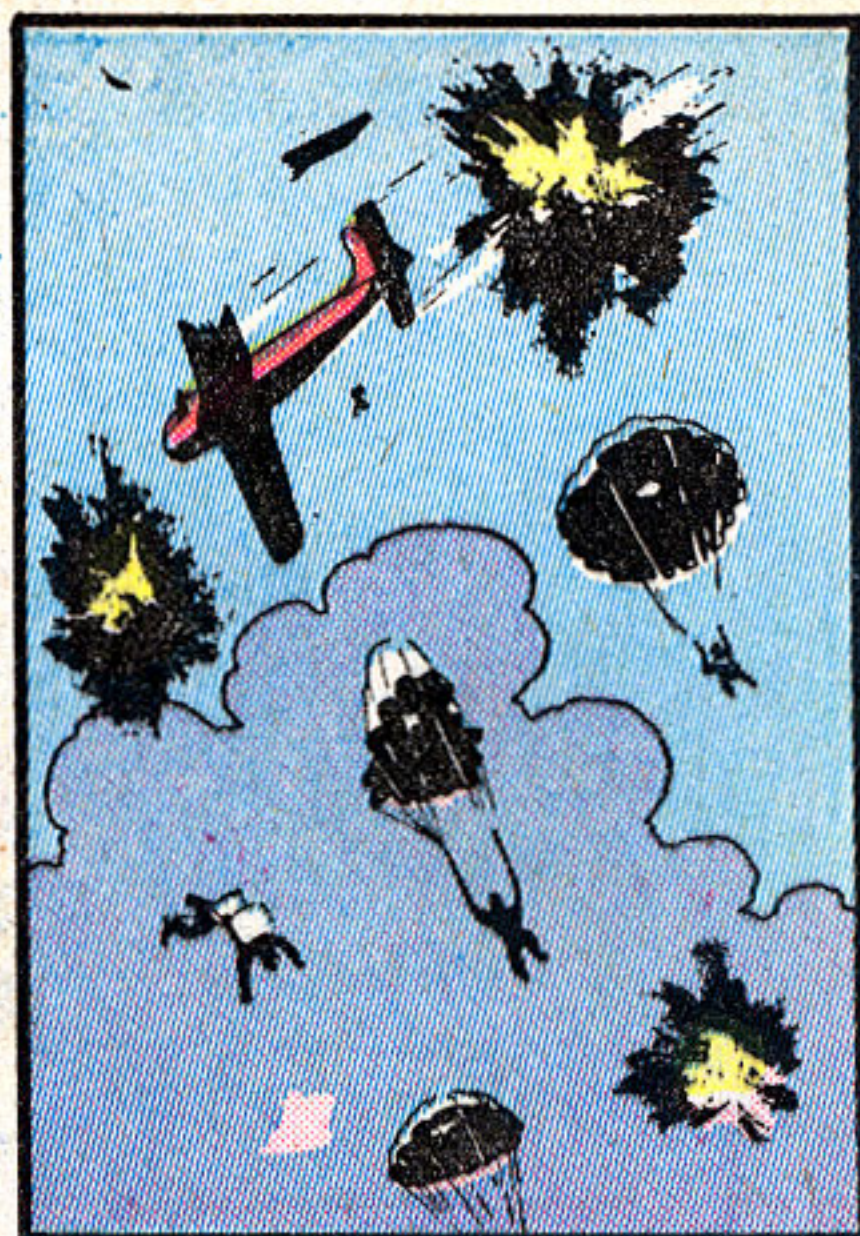


THEN — A DIRECT HIT!



THE LEFT
WING IS
GONE!

BETTER HIT
THE SILK,
FELLOWS!



HURRY, YOU GUYS!
THIS AIN'T NO
BOX KITE!

KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON,
SLUGGER—YOU'LL
GET DOWN EVEN IF
YOU DON'T JUMP!

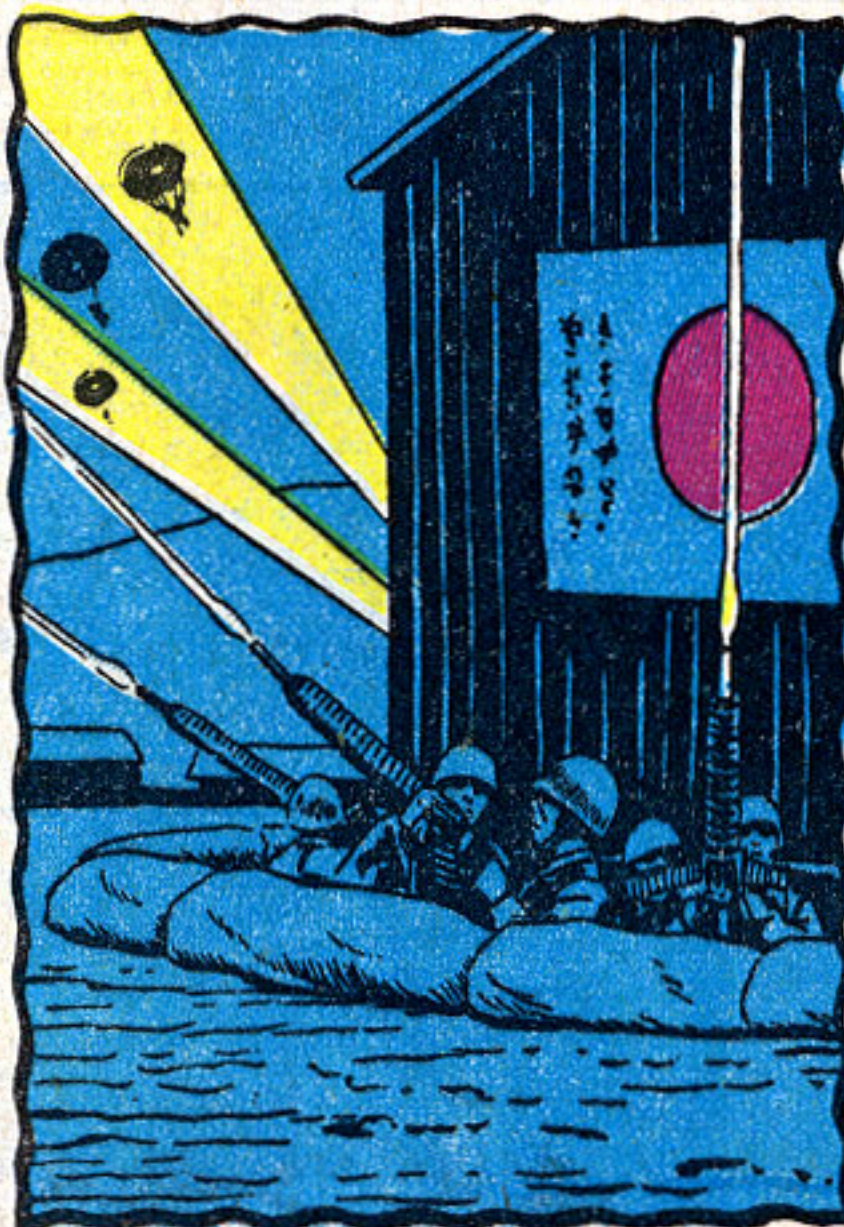
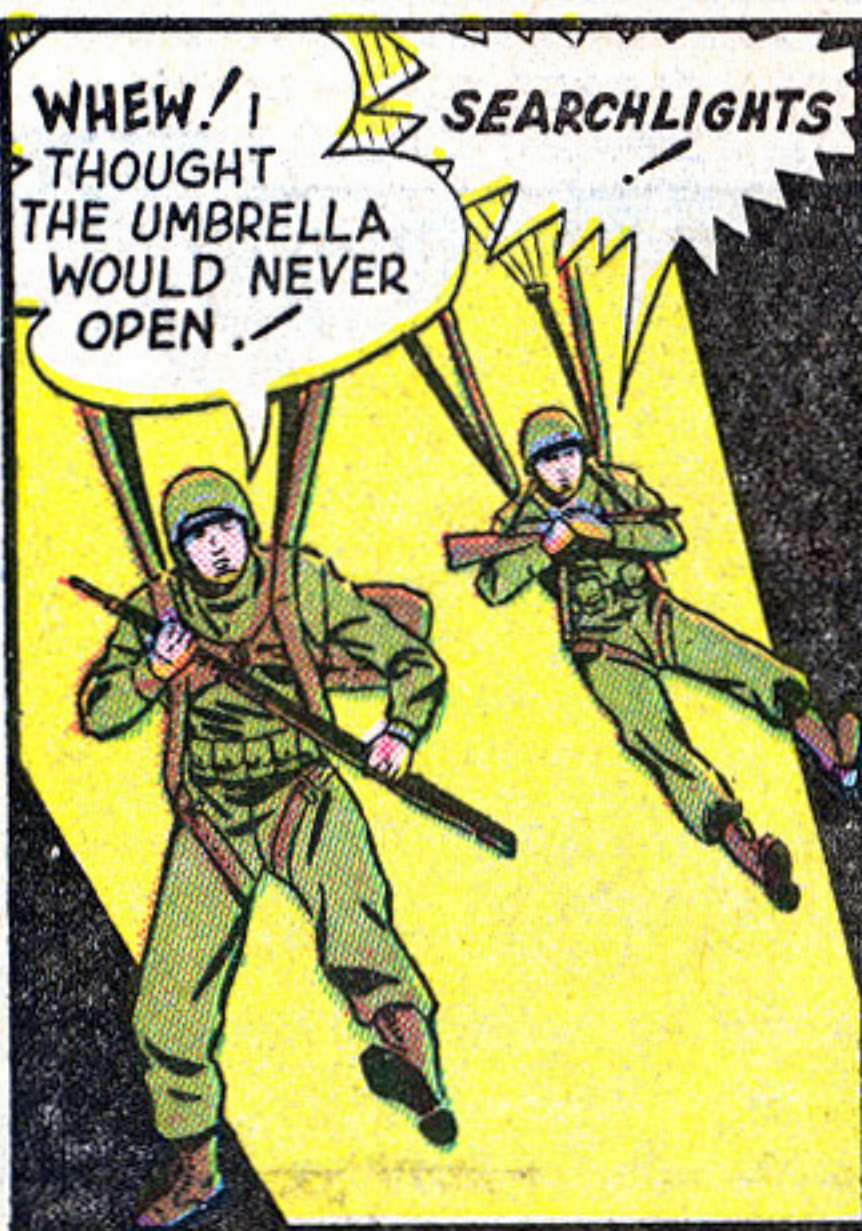


HOPE WE'RE NOT
TOO LOW FOR THE
'CHUTES—THE GROUND
IS COMING UP FAST!



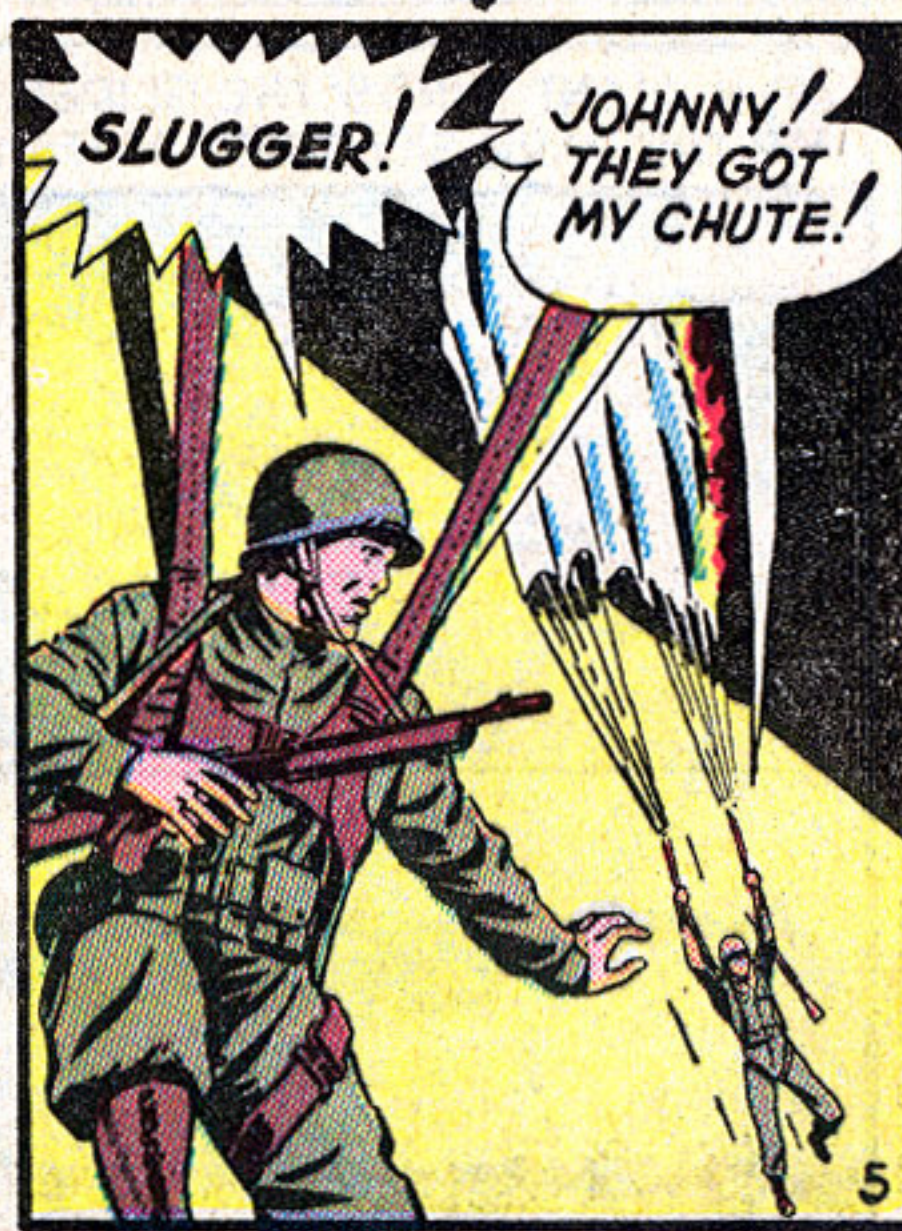
WHEW! I
THOUGHT
THE UMBRELLA
WOULD NEVER
OPEN!

SEARCHLIGHTS



SLUGGER!

JOHNNY!
THEY GOT
MY CHUTE!





A HANDFUL OF MARINES — BUT THEY SURGE ACROSS THE AIRFIELD IN A WAVE OF DESTRUCTION, FIRING OIL TANKS, MUNITIONS DUMPS, PLANES, HANGARS, BARRACKS ... WORKING AND FIGHTING WITH SPLIT-SECOND EFFICIENCY. . . .





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